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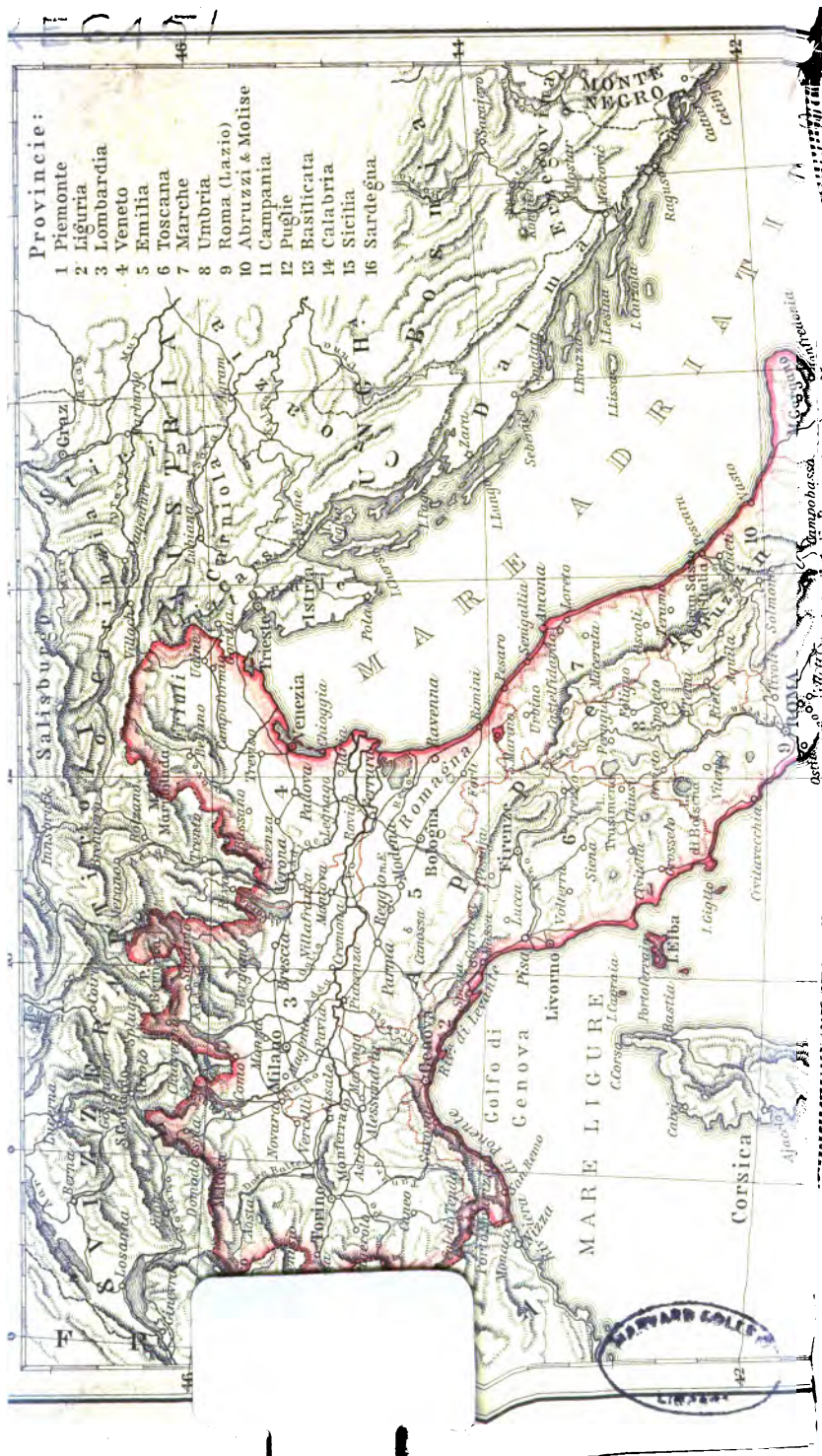
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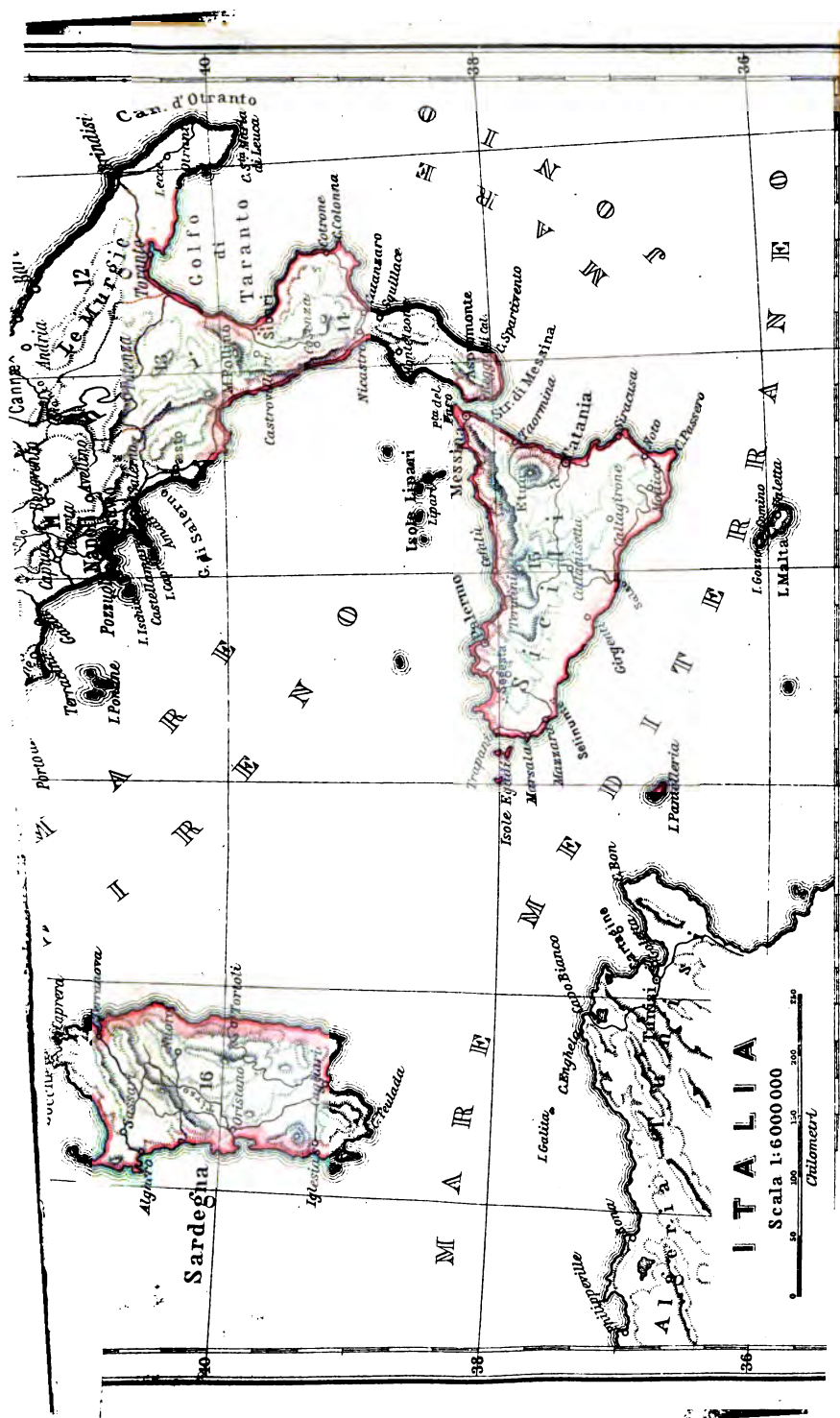


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## Preface to the New Edition.

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Although the plan and scope of this new edition of Professor Sauer's grammar does not differ materially from the former editions, yet both teachers and pupils will see that many minor improvements and corrections have been made, so as to bring it quite up to date.

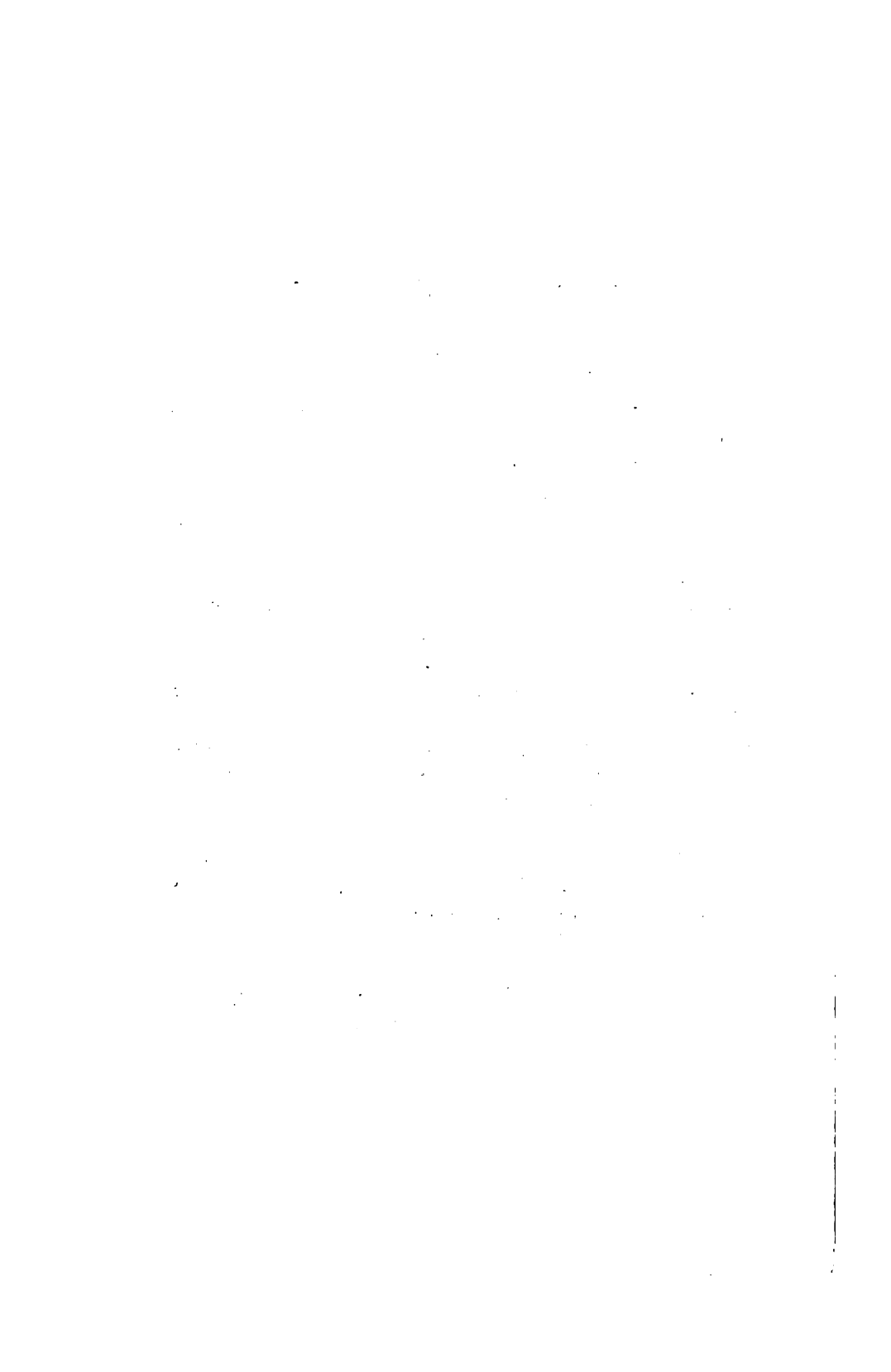
Neither time nor trouble have been spared to comply with the kind suggestions and well grounded wishes of experienced teachers. With this end in view I have simplified some of the rules in this edition, and replaced many phrases in the exercises by more appropriate ones. A great many improvements have been made in the Conversations and Reading lessons, tending to attract more the interest of the learners, and to introduce them better into the *«lingua parlata»*. And finally an Italian-English vocabulary has been appended, so that I venture to think that the present form of the double vocabulary at the end of the grammar will be welcomed alike by teacher and pupil.

Convinced that this new edition will, even in a higher degree than the former editions, gain the favour of all persons either teaching or learning Italian, I beg to recommend it kindly to their favour.

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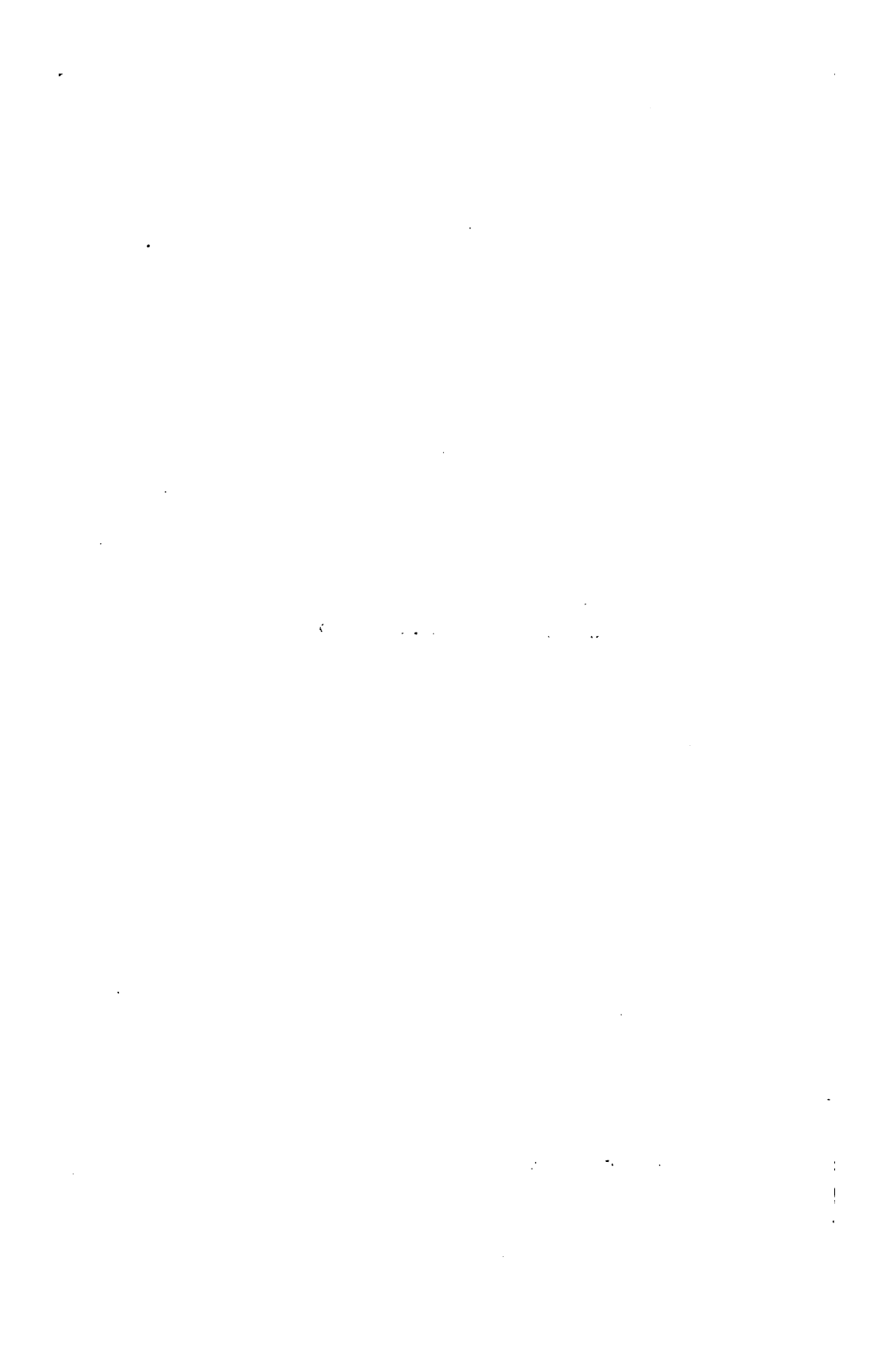
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## Pronunciation.

### § 1. Letters of the alphabet.

The Italian alphabet consists of 21 letters, which are exhibited as follows:

Character.	Name.	Character.	Name.
A, a,	<i>ah</i> (= <i>a in far</i> ).	N, n,	<i>enne</i> .
B, b,	<i>be</i> .	O, o,	<i>o</i> .
C, c,	<i>tshe</i> .	P, p,	<i>pe</i> .
D, d,	<i>de</i> .	Q, q,	<i>koo</i> .
E, e,	<i>ey</i> .	R, r,	<i>erre</i> .
F, f,	<i>effe</i> .	S, s,	<i>esse</i> .
G, g,	<i>dshe</i> .	T, t,	<i>te</i> .
H, h,	<i>akkah</i> .	U, u,	<i>oo</i> .
I, i,	<i>e</i> .	V, v,	<i>ve</i> .
L, l,	<i>elle</i> .	Z, z,	<i>dseyta</i> .
M, m,	<i>emme</i> .		

Of these letters **a, e, i, o, u** are vowels the others are consonants. *J, K, X, Y, W* do not occur in Italian.

### § 2. The use of the Apostrophe and the Accent.

1) The *Apostrophe* (') indicates, that a *vowel* has been *dropped*, as: *l'oro*, instead of *lo oro*; *dell'anima*, inst. of *della anima*; *l'angelo*, inst. of *lo angelo*.

2) The *Accent* (^). It is met with in Italian on the final vowels of some words only, and is used to mark either a *contraction* as: *città* (formerly *cittate*), or a *termination* of the verb which must be *sharply* pronounced, as: *avrà, amò, cessò*.\*)

It must be observed that the acute accent (^) is *never* written in Italian. We put it now on polysyllabic words in order to show

\*) This accent also occurs in the final syllable of some *foreign* words as: *lacchè, taffetà, caffè* etc.

on which syllable the *stress* is laid. As a general rule, the stress is mostly laid in Italian on the *penultimate*. From the *twelfth* Lesson onward, we shall only make use of the accent with such words that offer a *deviation* from the general rule, or where the pronunciation might perhaps appear dubious. In the Reading Exercises, on the contrary, we shall *never* employ the accent, in order to accustom the pupil early to read Italian without the assistance of this guide.

### § 3. Pronunciation of the vowels.

**A, a** sounds like *a* in the English words *are, father, last*, but never like *a* in *name* or *ball*. Examples: *áma, cára, farà* etc.

**E, e** has two different sounds, a broad one, almost like the vowel sound in English *there, fair* (the French *è*), as: *pèssimo* (very bad), *mènsa* (table), and an acute one, nearly like *ey* in *they, grey* (the French *è*), as: *céna* (supper), *péra* (pear), *séte* (thirst).

*Note.* The *e* at the end of a word is *never* mute; its sound, however, is less open and much shorter than at the beginning or in the middle of a word.

**I, i** sounds like the English *i* in *milk, sister, children, field*, but never like the *i* in *child, fire, idle*. Examples: *inni* (hymns), *ivi* (there), *brindisi* (toast). At the end of a *monosyllable* its sound is *short* and *sharp* as: *mi, ti, si, vi*.

**O, o** has a double sound: an open one, like the English *o* in *off, loss*, as: *cóllo* (neck), *nóve* (nine), *pórco* (pig), and a close one, like the *o* in German *Boté, Rot*, as: *córté* (court), *sólo* (alone), *stólto* (fool).

**U, u** sounds like *oo* in *boots*, but never like the English *u* in *up, union*. This vowel is sometimes *short* as in *tu* (thou), and sometimes long as in *cúra* (care).

*NB.* Further observations on pronunciation are given in the second Part of this grammar.

### § 4. Diphthongs.

Real Diphthongs, as we have them in English, French and German, do not exist in Italian, where *every* vowel *must be distinctly* pronounced. For instance: *miéi*, pron. *mi-é-i*; *Europa*, pr. *E-u-ro-pa*; *buói*, pr. *bu-o-i* etc.

### § 5. Pronunciation of the consonants.

**B, b** as in English: *béll*o (beautiful), *buó*no (good), *birra* (ale).

**C, c** has a double sound:

1) Before *a*, *o* and *u* and before consonants it is pronounced like the English *k*, as: *cár*ro (cart), *cór*so (course), *cúl*to (worship), *cré*ta (lime), *crédere* (to believe).

2) Before *e* and *i* its sound is almost like *tsh* or *ch* (in the word *church*), as: *città* (town), *céra* (wax), *cecità* (blindness).

*Note.* Whenever *c* before *e* and *i* is to be pronounced like *k*, an *h* is put after the *c*, as: *chiésa* (church), pr. ki-é-sa; *ócc*hio (eye), pr. ók-ki-o.

On the contrary, *c* before *a*, *o* or *u* often requires the soft sound = *tsh*. For this purpose an *almost inaudible i* is put after the *c*. Examples: *ciàrlare* (to chatter), pronounce tshar-la-re; *cioccoldà* (chocolate), pr. tshok-ko-la-ta, and not tshiar-la-re, tshiok--ko-la-ta.

**cc** before *e* or *i* sound like *ttsh*, as: *Eccellénza* (Excellency), pr. ett-shel-len-tsa; *verdiccio*, greenish.

**D, d** as in English: *dú*ro (hard), *dà*re (to give), *dít*ta (firm).

**F, f** has the same sound as in English: *fà*re (to do), *fié*ro (fierce), *felice* (happy).

**G, g** has a double sound:

1) Before *a*, *o* or *u* and before consonants (except *l* and *n*) it corresponds to the English *g* in the word *God*. Examples: *gál*lo (cock), *gól*a (throat), *grá*nde (great).

2) Before *e* or *i* its sound resembles *j*, but very softly pronounced, as *gé*nero (son-in-law), pr. jé-ne-ro; *gí*ro (tour), pr. jee-ro.

*Note.* In order to harden the soft sound of this letter before *e* or *i*, an *h* is added to it, as in *strég*he (witches), pron. stré-ghe. If before *a*, *o* or *u* the soft sound is required, *g* must be followed by an *almost inaudible i*, as in *giardí*no (garden), pr. jar-di-no; *giuramén*to (oath), pr. joo-ra-men-to.

**gg** before *e* and *i* sounds like *ddsh*, as: *coragg*io (courage), *regg*ente (regent).



H, h is never pronounced (see *c* and *g*).

L, l as in English: *liève* (light), *lento* (slow), *bóllo* (stamp).

The beginner must not forget, that where *compound consonants* occur (ll, mm, nn, pp, rr etc.), each must be *very distinctly* pronounced, as: *bello*, pr. bel-lo; *cárro*, pr. car-ro.

M, m	} as in English.
N, n	
O, o	
P, p	

Ph, ph are in Italian always rendered by F, f, as: Philosophy = *filosofia*; Sappho = *Sáffo*.

Q, q which never occurs without *u*, sounds like the English *qu* in the word *quire*, as: *quésto* (this), *quéllo* (that).

R, r as in English but somewhat shriller. Examples: *ráro*, *réndere*, *réfe*.

S, s as in English: *sérvo* (footman), *séta* (silk), *séme* (seed). Between two vowels its sound is less hissing. Examples: *rósa* (rose), *cása* (house).

sc and sc sound like *shey* and *shee*. Ex.: *scélta* (choice), *scimmiá* (ape).

T, t*)	} as in English.
V, v	

Z, z The sound of this letter is sometimes soft like *ds*, as: *zeló* (zeal), pr. dsé-lo; *mánzo* (bullock), sometimes, sharp like *ts*, as: *zío* (uncle), pr. tsí-o; *fórza* (strength).

### § 6. The pronunciation of *gn* and *gl*.

The sound of *gn* is not unlike *ni* before *on* (the French *gn* in *montagne*) in the words *pinion*, *minion*, *union* as: *montágná* (mountain), pr. mon-ta-nia; *campágná* (country), pr. cam-pa-nia.

*gl* sounds almost like *lli* in the word *postillion* (harder than the French *l mouillé*). Ex.: *égli* (he), *méglio* (better), *convóglío* (train).

Exceptions: *negligere* (to neglect), where it sounds exactly as in English, and its derivatives, as: *negligénza*, *negligénze* etc.;

\*) *T* never has the sound of *t* in the English word *nation*.

furthermore the poetical word *Anglia* (England) *glicerina* (glycerine), *geroglífico* (hieroglyphical), *anglicismo* (anglicism), *glifo* (glyph, an architectural term) and its derivatives like *glittografia*, *glittica*, *glittotéca*, *geroglífico*, and finally *gánglio* (ganglion).

### § 7. Promiscuous Examples.

1) La mádre, il pádre, il fratéllö, la sorélla, il libro, la vácça, il cárro, la léttera, le pénne, i temperíni, il gátto, la fébbre, l'érba, la távola, il cérvö, l'inchióstro, la chiésa, lo schióppo, la lámpada, il ciélo, celéste, céneri, ceneréntola, Girólamo, Gioachíno, Giácomo, scélta, schérma, ócchio, ghiótto, ghirlánda, ghermíre, che, fóglio, vantággio, bigliétto, sconosciúto, scórrere, infelíce, bellézza.

2) Negligénza, neglétto, gíglio, figlió, maraviglia, ognúno, magnánimo, púgno, cotógno, mignátta, guadágnö, falegnáme, lóglio, glífo, chiáro, mácchina, chicchera, finóccchio, ghiribízso, gorgheggiáre, preghiéra, gelicídio, címa, giòrno, giornáta, gémma, gingillo, fulígine, maneggévole, gúscio, scítala, cóscia, ambáscia, sózzo, ózio, orgóglio, formággio, strapazzáre, schérzo schiéna, scuóla, schifóso, veggénte.

### Reading Exercise.

From the novel *Nicolò de' Lapi* by *Mássimo d' Azéglío*.

Quélla piazzétta per la quále al dì d' óggi si passéggia ad ogn'óra liberaménte, incontrándo soltánto o contadíni tranquílli, e che vi rispóndono corteseménte in quélla lóro armónica e corrétta língua, o brigáte di cittadíni villeggiánti ne' contórni; quélle casúcce che presentáno óggigiórno l'immáGINE della povertà quieta e conténta; quégli úsci, ingómbri di bambíní di tútte le misúre, di dónne che atténdono all'útile e pulíto lavorío dei cappélli di páglia; tútto, alpúnto che vi giúnse Fanfúlla, éra piéno di génti stráne, di disórdine, di schiamázzi. Il suólo fangóso, immóndo, pésto pel gran passáre d'uómini e caválli, le cásé piéne di soldáti, le múra súdece ed affumicáte, la chiesuóla ridóttá una tavérna, e la piázza ingómbra di frascáti sótto i quáli éran vivandíeri con páne, grásce, baríli di víno ecc, ed avéan rizzáta quívi la lóro bottéga con assái buón giudízio, sapéndo che la vísta della córda e delle fórche éra un óttimo trattáto di mnemónica per quégli avvéntori che potéssero scordársi di pagáre.

Méntre Fanfúlla s'aggráva considerádo a chi gli convenísse dirigersi per domandar di Tróilo, udì levársi un bisbígljo tra la génte, s'accórse d'un agitársi di persóne nel láto ov' éran le fórche, e víde pói che appoggiátavi una scála salíva un uómo ad acconciáre il láccio, e preparár l'occorrénte per far giustízia. Accostátosi per curiosità, víde póco lontáno dal patíbolo a piè d'un múro la persóna che paréva destináta al supplizio. Era una dónna, cólle máni legáte diétro le réni, e, posta ginocchióni a piédi d'un cappuccíno, si confessáva. Fanfúlla si maravigliáva che avéssero ad impiccáre una fémmina, ma gli crébbe la maraviglia vedéndo che di sótto i pánni le spuntáva fuóri il fódero d'úna spáda.

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## First Lesson.

### The article.

The article indicates the gender of substantives. The Italian language has two genders, *viz.* the masculine and the feminine.

There are two articles in Italian as in English: the definite article and the indefinite article.

The definite article for *masculine substantives* is *il* and *lo*; for *feminine substantives* *la*.\*)

The article *il* is used before masculine substantives beginning with *consonants*, except the *impure s* (*s impura*), as:

*il pádre*, the father; *il fratello*, the brother; *il ciélo*, the heaven.

*NB.* *s* is called *impure* in Italian, when it is followed by another consonant, as: *sb*, *sc*, *sd*, *sf*, *sg*, *sm* etc. In this case the article is not *il* but *lo*. Examples: *lo sbáglio*, the mistake; *lo sdégno*, the anger; *lo spécchio*, the looking-glass. The reason is, that the Italian ear cannot bear a coming together of *three* consonants (*il sbáglio*). This rule is so strictly observed that, whenever a substantive beginning with *s impura* is preceded by a preposition ending with a consonant, as *in*, *per*, *con* etc., an *i* is often prefixed to the substantive. Thus, e. g.: *in Isvézia* instead of *in Svézia*, *con isdégno*, with anger instead of *con sdegno* etc. Also words beginning with *z* can take the article *lo*, as: *lo zio*, the uncle. In the plural they always take the article *gli*, as: *gli zii*, the uncles.

The article *la* is used before every feminine noun beginning with a consonant, as: *la casa*, the house; *la stánza*, the room; *la piánta*, the plant.

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\*) The article of the Romance languages is derived from the accusative case of the Latin demonstrative pronoun *ille*, *illa*.



In the singular number all masc. and femin. nouns beginning with a vowel take the article *l'*; the vowel of the articles *lo* or *la* being dropped, and an *apostrophe* put in its stead, as:\*)

*l'oro*, the gold; *l'ávo*, the grandfather; *l'ángelo*, the angel; *l'ánima*, the soul; *l'érba*, the grass; *l'óca*, the goose.

The indefinite article is for masc. nouns **un**, for femin. nouns **una**. Masc. nouns beginning with an *impure s* take the article *uno*. Before *fem.* nouns beginning with a vowel, the indef. article is *un'*. Before *masc.* nouns beginning with a vowel the indef. article is **un** without the apostrophe. Examples:

*un pádre*, a father; *una mádre*, a mother; *un libro*, a book; *una pénna*, a pen; *un ángelo*, an angel; *un amíco*, a friend; *uno spéttro*, a spectre; *uno scoláre*, a scholar; *un' ánima*, a soul; *un' óca*, a goose.

*Note.* In the following list of words the gender is indicated by the letters *m.* (masc.) and *f.* (fem.). We recommend the pupil, when learning these words by heart, to add the defin. article as well as the indefinite to each of them, before proceeding to the subsequent exercises.

#### Words.

*Pádre*, *m.* father.  
*mádre*, *f.* mother.  
*fratéllo*, *m.* brother.  
*sorélla*, *f.* sister.  
*fanciúlló*, *m.* child.  
*libro*, *m.* book.  
*cavállo*, *m.* horse.  
*rósa*, *f.* rose.  
*spécchio*, *m.* looking-glass.  
*péra*, *f.* pear.  
*scéttro*, *m.* sceptre.  
*cáne*, *m.* dog.  
*ábito*, *m.* coat.  
*giardíno*, *m.* garden.  
*uccélló*, *m.* bird.

*fióre*, *m.* flower.  
*onóre*, *m.* honour.  
*zia*, *f.* aunt.  
*cappélló*, *m.* hat.  
*schióppo*, *m.* gun.  
*ciriégia*, *f.* cherry.  
*páne*, *m.* bread.  
*pénna*, *f.* pen.  
*óca*, *f.* goose.  
*re*, *m.* king.  
*regína*, *f.* queen.  
*sì*, yes; *no*, no.  
*míó*, *m.* }  
*mía*, *f.* } my.  
*e* (before vowels also *ed*), and.

\*) This rule, however, is not always strictly observed. The feminine plural of nouns usually retains the full article, as: *le ánime*, the souls; *le óche*, the geese. But the Apostrophe is most generally used, when the same vowels meet, e. g.: *gl'inni* (*glí inni*), *l'oro* (*lo oro*) etc. etc.

S. <i>Io ho</i> , I have	<i>Ho io?</i> have I?
<i>tu hai</i> , thou hast	<i>hai tu?</i> hast thou?
<i>egli</i> } <i>ha</i> , he has	<i>ha</i> { <i>egli?</i> } has he?
<i>esso</i> }	<i>esso?</i> }
<i>ella</i> } <i>ha</i> , she has	<i>ha</i> { <i>ella?</i> } has she?
<i>essa</i> }	<i>essa?</i> }
P. <i>noi abbiamo</i> , we have	<i>abbiamo noi?</i> have we?
<i>voi avete</i> , you have	<i>avete voi?</i> have you?
<i>eglino</i> } <i>hanno</i> , they ( <i>m.</i> ) have	<i>hanno</i> { <i>eglino?</i> } have they?
<i>essi</i> }	<i>essi?</i> }
<i>elleno</i> } <i>hanno</i> , they ( <i>f.</i> ) have.	<i>hanno</i> { <i>elleno?</i> } have they?
<i>esse</i> }	<i>esse?</i> }

### Reading Exercise. 1.

*Io ho la rosa. Io ho una rosa. Tu hai il libro. Hai tu un libro? Egli ha uno specchio. Il padre ha il giardino. La madre ha il pane. Il fanciullo ha lo specchio. La sorella ha uno specchio. La zia ha un' oca. Mio fratello ha un cane. Il re ha lo scettro. Il re ha uno scettro. Noi abbiamo un fiore ed una pera. Voi avete l'onore. Eglino hanno un cavallo. Hanno esse un cane? Avete voi un fiore? Il fanciullo ha un fratello ed una zia.*

### Traduzione. 2. (Exercise for translation.)

I have the book. I have a rose. Thou hast the hat. Hast thou a dog? Hast thou a looking-glass? He has the coat. My father has the bird. Has she a pear? Has he the bread? We have a hat. Have we the gun? You have the goose. They have a garden. Have they (*f.*) a horse? The king has a horse. Have they (*m.*) a cherry? They (*f.*) have the honour. Have they (*m.*) a gun? The child has a book. The queen has a rose. My brother has the dog. My mother has a pen.

### Diálogo. (Conversation.)

<i>Ho io la rosa?</i>	<i>Voi avete la rosa.*)</i>
<i>Hai tu il libro?</i>	<i>Sì, io ho il libro.</i>
<i>Avete voi un libro?</i>	<i>Sì, io ho un libro.</i>
<i>Il fanciullo**) ha un fiore?</i>	<i>Sì, il fanciullo ha un fiore.</i>
<i>Il fratello ha uno schioppo?</i>	<i>Sì, il fratello ha uno schioppo.</i>
<i>Avete voi l'abito?</i>	<i>No, voi avete l'abito.</i>

\*) The personal pronouns: I, thou, he, she, we, you, they; *io, tu, egli, ella, noi, voi, eglino, elleno, essi, esse*, may also be omitted (see Les. IX. Note 1). For the *polite mode* of addressing a person, see the same lesson, Note 4.

\*\*) In *interrogative* phrases the *Subject*, when a *substantive*, generally stands *before the verb*.

Hanno essi una pera ed una ciriegia?	Si, essi hanno una pera ed una ciriegia.
Ha egli il pane?	Si, egli ha il pane.
Ha ella un fiore?	Si, ella ha un fiore.
Hanno essi una sorella?	No, essi hanno una zia.

## Second Lesson.

### The substantive.

#### The Plural of substantives.

The following general hints will enable the pupil to learn the formation of the Plural without difficulty:

1) All nouns ending in *o* or *e*, both masculine and feminine, form their Plural in *i*, as: *fratello* — *fratelli*; *cárrò* (cart) — *carrì*; *cappello* — *cappelli*; *la máno* (hand) — *le manì*; *il leone* (the lion) — *i leonì*; *il príncipe* (the prince) — *i princípi*; *la mádre* — *le madri*; *la mérce* (the merchandise) — *le merci* etc.

2) All *feminine* nouns ending in *a* form their Plural in *e*, as: *la casa* — *le case*; *la strada*<sup>1</sup>) (street) — *le strade* etc.

3) All *masculine* nouns ending in *a* form their Plural in *i*, as: *il poeta* (poet) — *i poeti*; *il téma* (task) — *i temi*.

*Note.* Words ending in *a* preceded by *c* or *g*, take in the Plural an *h* after these consonants, in order to retain the *hard* sound. Ex.: *il dúca* (the duke) — *i duchi*; *l'óca* — *le oche*; *la spíga* (ear of corn) — *le spighe*.

Words ending in *co* or *go* form the Plural partly with *h*, partly without. In the first Part of this grammar we shall always indicate the Plur. of these words.

4) *Monosyllables* and all nouns with the *accent* (') on their *last syllable* undergo *no change at all*, as: *il re* — *i re*; *la città* (town) — *le città*; *il canapè* (sofa) — *i canapè*.

Nouns ending in *i*, *ie*, and the very limited number of those ending in *consonants*, are also *alike* in the Singular and Plural, as: *il dì* (the day) — *i dì* (the days); *il portafogli* (the pocket-book) — *i portafogli*; *la spécie* (species) — *le spécie*; *il lapis* (pencil) — *i lapis*; *il cáos* (chaos) — *i cáos* etc.

5) The *fem.* nouns in *cia*, *ccia*, *gia*, *ggia* and *scia* drop their *i* in the Plural, as: *la márcia* (the march) — Plur. *le marce*; *la spiággia* (the coast) — *le spiagge*. Except those *fem.* nouns where a stress is laid on *i*, as: *la bugia* (the falsehood) — Pl. *le bugie*.

The following are irregular:

*Dio* (God) — *gli déi*; *l'uómo* (man) — *gli uómini*; *la móglie* (wife) — *le mógli*; *mille* (a thousand) — *mila*; *l'uóvo* (egg) — *le uóva*; *il páio* (pair) — *le páia*; *il búe* (ox) — *i buói*.

(For further observations on irregularities in the formation of the Plural see the second Part of this grammar.)

The Plural of the article *il* is *i*, as: *il pádre* — *i padri*; *il ciélo* — *i cieli*.

The Plural of the article *la* is *le*, as: *la cása* — *le case*; *la mádre* — *le madri*; *l'ánima* — *le anime*.

The Plural of the article *lo* is *gli*, as: *lo scéttro* — *gli scéttri*; *lo spécchio* — *gli spécchi*; *l'ávo* — *gli ávi*; *l'ingannatóre* (cheat) — *gl'ingannatóri*.\*)

#### Words.

<i>Il temperino</i> , the penknife.	<i>il monárca</i> , the monarch ( <i>pl. monárchi</i> ).
<i>l'álbero</i> , <i>m.</i> the tree.	<i>il mé dico</i> , the physician ( <i>pl. — ci</i> ).
<i>la pórtá</i> , the door (gate).	<i>il dúca</i> , the duke ( <i>pl. — chi</i> ).
<i>l'úscio</i> , <i>m.</i> the room-door ( <i>pl. usci</i> ).	<i>il nómc</i> , the name.
<i>il casté llo</i> , the castle. [ <i>usci</i> ).	<i>la spáda</i> , the sword.
<i>il palázzo</i> , the palace.	<i>il cólté llo</i> , the knife.
<i>il quádro</i> , the picture.	<i>il caná le</i> , the channel, canal.
<i>il gátto</i> , the cat.	<i>la stúfa</i> , the stove.
<i>il paése</i> , the land, country.	<i>la cárta</i> , the paper.
<i>la cása</i> , the house.	<i>l'ócchio</i> , <i>m.</i> the eye ( <i>pl. occhi</i> ).
<i>il giuóco</i> , the play, game ( <i>pl. — chi</i> ).	<i>il pápa</i> , the pope.
<i>il sórcio</i> , the mouse. [ <i>— chi</i> ).	

*écco*, here is or here are; *vi è*, *vi sóno*, there is, there are;  
*gránde*, large; *dúe*, two; *tre*, three; *quáttro*, four;  
*ánche*, also; *vedúto*, seen.

<i>Io avéva</i> , I had	<i>Aveva io?</i> had I?
<i>tu avévi</i> , thou hadst	<i>avevi tu?</i> hadst thou?
<i>egli avéva</i> , he had	<i>aveva egli?</i> had he?
<i>ella avéva</i> , she had	<i>aveva ella?</i> had she?

\*) The *i* of *gli* is elided, only when the subst. begins with an *i*. Ex.: *l'ínno* (hymn) — *gl'ínni*; *l'ínfelice* (the unhappy man) *gl'ínfelici* etc. (See Note \*) page 10.)

*noi avevamo*, we had  
*voi avevate*, you had  
*egliino avevano*, they had  
*elleno avevano*, they had.

*avevamo noi?* had we?  
*avevate voi?* had you?  
*avevano egliino?* had they?  
*avevano elleno?* had they?

### Reading Exercise. 3.

Noi avevamo un coltello. Voi avevate due coltelli. Mio fratello ha i temperini. La casa ha due porte. Avevate voi gli alberi? Sì, noi avevamo gli alberi. Il re aveva due castelli. La regina ha i palazzi. Mio zio aveva veduto tre stufe. Ecco i quadri e gli specchi. Noi abbiamo veduto quattro soreci. I fanciulli avevano tre pere. I duchi ed i monarchi avevano i paesi. Mia zia aveva una stufa. Il duca aveva tre cavalli. Le zie avevano i gatti. Mia madre ha due sorelle. Ecco il palazzo del (*of the*) duca.

### Traduzione. 4.

I had three brothers. The duke has the sword. The children have the flowers. We had also\*) seen the pictures. Here are the games, the pencils, and the coats. Here are also the houses, the castles, and the palaces. Had she the hats? No, she had the coats. The countries have (the) canals. My father has three sisters. Hadst thou a physician? Yes, I had a physician. I have seen the gardens and the trees. Had they (*f.*) three dogs and four cats? No, they had four dogs and three cats. The wives have the eggs. The eye is large. I have two eyes. Here is the house of the poet. There is a God.

### Diálogo.

Avevamo noi un temperino?	Voi avevate un temperino.
Aveva io i coltelli?	Sì, tu avevi i coltelli.
Hai tu veduto un papa?	Sì, io ho veduto due papi.
Gli uomini hanno veduto gli dei?	No, gli uomini non ( <i>not</i> ) hanno veduto gli dei.
I fanciulli avevano i quadri?	I fanciulli non avevano i quadri.
I duchi hanno le spade?	No, i monarchi hanno le spade e gli scettri.
Avevano essi veduto i castelli ed i palazzi?	Sì, essi avevano veduto i castelli ed i palazzi.
Avete voi un uovo?	Sì, io ho due uova.**)
Mio padre ha i giuochi?	Sì, egli ha tre giuochi.

\*) *Anche* always stands *before* the substantive or pronoun to which it refers. The above example is, according to its meaning, either translated: *Anche noi abbiamo veduto i quadri*, or: *Noi abbiamo veduto anche i quadri*.

\*\*) The nouns in -o which form their Plur. in -a become *feminine*. (See II. P., the Plural.)

Quanti ( <i>how many</i> ) fratelli avevi tu?	Io aveva due fratelli e tre sorelle.
Quanti fanciulli aveva l'uomo?	L'uomo aveva tre fanciulli.
Avevate voi veduto i poeti?	No, non avevamo veduto i poeti.

### Third Lesson.

#### Declension of substantives.

Italian nouns form the different *cases* of the Singular and Plural by means of prepositions. These prepositions, however, are not, as in English, simply put before the article, but undergo a *contraction* with the article into *one* word.

There are *five* cases both in the Singular and Plural; the *nominative* and *accusative* are *always alike*.

1) The *genitive*, answering to the question *whose?* or *of which?* is formed with the preposition *di* (of), thus contracted with the article:

#### *Singular.*

of the father	— (di il padre)	contr. del pádre.
of the mother	— (di la madre)	„ della mádre.
of the pupil	— (di lo scolare)	„ dello scolare.
of the soul	— (di l'anima)	„ dell' ánima.
of the angel	— (di l'angelo)	„ dell' ángelo.

#### *Plural.*

of the fathers	— (di i padri)	contr. dei padri.
of the mothers	— (di le madri)	„ delle madri.
of the pupils	— (di gli scolari)	„ degli scolari.
of the souls	— (di le anime)	„ delle anime.
of the angels	— (di gli angeli)	„ degli angeli.

2) The *dative*, answering to the question *to whom?* is formed with the preposition *a* (to, at), contracted with the article as follows:

#### *Singular.*

to the father	— (a il padre)	contr. al pádre.
to the mother	— (a la madre)	„ alla mádre.
to the pupil	— (a lo scolare)	„ allo scolare.
to the soul	— (a l'anima)	„ all' ánima.
to the angel	— (a l'angelo)	„ all' ángelo.

*Plural.*

to the fathers	— (a i padri)	contr. <b>ai</b> padri.
to the mothers	— (a le madri)	„ <b>alle</b> madri.
to the pupils	— (a gli scolari)	„ <b>agli</b> scolari.
to the souls	— (a le anime)	„ <b>alle</b> anime.
to the angels	— (a gli angeli)	„ <b>agli</b> angeli.

3) The *ablative*, a case so frequent in the Italian language, is formed with the preposition *da* (from, by, at). It is used to express a source or origin, *distance* or *removal*, and also a *dwelling* upon, a *characteristic token* or *fitness* for anything. Also *to* is rendered by *da*, when it expresses *going to some one*\*). Like *di* and *a*, this preposition is joined with the definite article, and forms the following contractions:

*Singular.*

from, by the father	— (da il padre)	contr. <b>dal</b> padre.
from, by the mother	— (da la madre)	„ <b>dalla</b> madre.
from, by the pupil	— (da lo scolare)	„ <b>dallo</b> scolare.
from, by the soul	— (da l'anima)	„ <b>dall'</b> anima.
from, by the angel	— (da l'angelo)	„ <b>dall'</b> angelo.

*Plural.*

from, by the fathers	— (da i padri)	contr. <b>dai</b> padri.
from, by the mothers	— (da le madri)	„ <b>dalle</b> madri.
from, by the pupils	— (da gli scolari)	„ <b>dagli</b> scolari.
from, by the souls	— (da le anime)	„ <b>dalle</b> anime.
from, by the angels	— (da gli angeli)	„ <b>dagli</b> angeli.

These prepositions are not liable to contraction before the *indefinite* article. It may be observed, however, that *di* commonly drops its final *i* and takes an apostrophe in its stead, as:

*un padre*, a father; *una madre*, a mother.

G. *d'un* padre, of a father; *d'una* madre, of a mother.

*Da*, on the contrary, is *never* apostrophised.

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\*) The English terms formed with the preposition *at*, as: *at the merchant's*, *milliner's* etc. are usually rendered by *da*, Ex.: *sugar, coffee, and wine are to be found at the merchant's*; *si, trova dello zucchero, del caffè e del vino dal mercante.*

*Note.* The *demonstrative* adjectives *questo* (m.), *questa* (f.), this, and *quello* (m.), *quella* (f.), that, are declined precisely in the same manner. Also the *possessive* adjectives *mio*, *mia*, my; *tuo*, *tua*, thy; *suo*, *sua*, his, her, its; *nostro*, *nostra*, our, and *vostro*, *vostra*, your (for both genders and numbers), when *immediately before* a substantive expressing a *relation* (but only in the singular), are declined with *di*, *a*, and *da*; and so are all the pronouns, if no article be required before them.

### Survey of the declensions.

#### a) With the definite article.

##### *Feminine.*

##### *Singular.*

Nom.	}	<i>la madre</i> , the mother.
Acc.		
Gen.		<i>della madre</i> , of the mother.
Dat.		<i>alla madre</i> , to the mother.
Abl.		<i>dalla madre</i> , from, by the mother (at the mother's).

##### *Plural.*

Nom.	}	<i>le madri</i> , the mothers.
Acc.		
Gen.		<i>delle madri</i> , of the mothers.
Dat.		<i>alle madri</i> , to the mothers.
Abl.		<i>dalle madri</i> , from, by the mothers.

##### *Masculine.*

(Before consonants, except *s impura*.)

##### *Singular.*

Nom.	}	<i>il padre</i> , the father.
Acc.		
Gen.		<i>del padre</i> , of the father.
Dat.		<i>al padre</i> , to the father.
Abl.		<i>dal padre</i> , from, by the father (at the father's).

##### *Plural.*

Nom.	}	<i>i padri</i> , the fathers.
Acc.		
Gen.		<i>dei padri</i> , of the fathers.
Dat.		<i>ai padri</i> , to the fathers.
Abl.		<i>dai padri</i> , from, by the fathers.



*Masculine.*(Before *s impura*.)*Singular.*

Nom.	}	<i>lo</i>	<i>scolare</i> , the pupil.
Acc.			
Gen.		<i>dello</i>	<i>scolare</i> , of the pupil.
Dat.		<i>allo</i>	<i>scolare</i> , to the pupil.
Abl.		<i>dallo</i>	<i>scolare</i> , from, by the pupil.

*Plural.*

Nom.	}	<i>gli</i>	<i>scolari</i> , the pupils.
Acc.			
Gen.		<i>degli</i>	<i>scolari</i> , of the pupils.
Dat.		<i>agli</i>	<i>scolari</i> , to the pupils.
Abl.		<i>dagli</i>	<i>scolari</i> , from, by the pupils.

*Feminine.*

(With apostrophe.)

*Singular.*

Nom.	}	<i>l'anima</i>	, the soul.
Acc.			
Gen.		<i>dell'anima</i>	, of the soul.
Dat.		<i>all'anima</i>	, to the soul.
Abl.		<i>dall'anima</i>	, from, by the soul.

*Plural.*

Nom.	}	<i>le</i>	<i>anime</i> , the souls.
Acc.			
Gen.		<i>delle</i>	<i>anime</i> , of the souls.
Dat.		<i>alle</i>	<i>anime</i> , to the souls.
Abl.		<i>dalle</i>	<i>anime</i> , from, by the souls.

*Masculine.*

(With apostrophe.)

*Singular.*

Nom.	}	<i>l'angelo</i>	, the angel.
Acc.			
Gen.		<i>dell'angelo</i>	, of the angel.
Dat.		<i>all'angelo</i>	, to the angel.
Abl.		<i>dall'angelo</i>	, from, by the angel.

*Plural.*

Nom.	}	<i>gli</i>	<i>angeli</i> , the angels.
Acc.			
Gen.		<i>degli</i>	<i>angeli</i> , of the angels.
Dat.		<i>agli</i>	<i>angeli</i> , to the angels.
Abl.		<i>dagli</i>	<i>angeli</i> , from, by the angels.

## b) With the indefinite article.

*Masculine.*

Nom.	}	<i>un padre</i> , a father.
Acc.		
Gen.		<i>d'un padre</i> , of a father.
Dat.		<i>ad un padre</i> , to a father.
Abl.		<i>da un padre</i> , from, by a father.

*Feminine.*

Nom.	}	<i>una madre</i> , a mother.
Acc.		
Gen.		<i>d'una madre</i> , of a mother.
Dat.		<i>ad una madre</i> , to a mother.
Abl.		<i>da una madre</i> , from, by a mother.

## c) With a demonstrative adjective.

*Masculine.*

Nom.	}	<i>questo palazzo</i> , this palace.
Acc.		
Gen.		<i>di questo palazzo</i> , of this palace.
Dat.		<i>a questo palazzo</i> , to this palace.
Abl.		<i>da questo palazzo</i> , from, by this palace.

*Plural.*

Nom.	}	<i>questi palazzi</i> , these palaces.
Acc.		
Gen.		<i>di questi palazzi</i> , these palaces.
Dat.		<i>a questi palazzi</i> , these palaces.
Abl.		<i>da questi palazzi</i> , from, by these palaces.

*Feminine.*

Nom.	}	<i>a questa strada</i> , this street.
Acc.		
Gen.		<i>di questa strada</i> , of this street.
Dat.		<i>a questa strada</i> , to this street.
Abl.		<i>da questa strada</i> , from, by this street.

*Plural.*

Nom.	}	<i>queste strade</i> , these streets.
Acc.		
Gen.		<i>di queste strade</i> , of these streets.
Dat.		<i>a queste strade</i> , to these streets.
Abl.		<i>da queste strade</i> , from, by these streets.

*Note.* In the same manner are declined the above mentioned possessive adjectives *mio*, my, *tuo*, thy, *suo*, his, her etc.

## Words.

<i>Il creatore</i> , the creator.	<i>la morte</i> , (the) death.
<i>il mondo</i> , the world.	<i>il foglio</i> , the sheet (of paper).
<i>il cugino</i> , the cousin ( <i>m.</i> ).	<i>la foglia</i> , the leaf.
<i>la cugina</i> , the cousin ( <i>f.</i> ).	<i>lo scrigno</i> , the chest, box.
<i>l'amico</i> , the friend	<i>la pianta</i> , the plant.
<i>il nemico</i> , the enemy (pl.—ci).	<i>la terra</i> , the earth.
<i>la città</i> , the town.	<i>il ritratto</i> , the portrait.
<i>la finestra</i> , the window.	<i>io do</i> , I give.
<i>il vicino</i> , the neighbour.	<i>io vengo</i> , I come.
<i>il figlio</i> , the son.	<i>voi date</i> , you give.
<i>l'animale</i> , the animal.	<i>di chi?</i> whose?
<i>il sonno</i> , (the) sleep.	<i>è, is; sono</i> , are.

## Reading Exercise. 5.

Il padre del fanciullo. La madre dei figli\*). La porta della casa. Le porte delle case. Le finestre dei palazzi. Il gatto è un animale. I gatti sono i nemici dei sorci. Io do il ritratto all'amico. Io do le rose ai cugini ed alle cugine. Voi date gli scrigni agli amici ed alle amiche. I nemici degli uomini. I fogli dei libri e dei quaderni (*writing-books*). Le foglie di questi fiori. Le finestre di questa casa. Io vengo dalla città.

## Traduzione. 6.

1. The brother of the cousin (*m.*). The sisters of the cousin (*f.*). The gates of the town. The houses of the towns. The windows of the houses. God is the creator of the world. The dog is the enemy of the cat. I give the portraits to the brothers and (to the)\*\*) sisters. The dog is the friend of (the) man.

2. I give the book to the brother. The sleep of the child. Of the death of my (*del mio*) friend (*m.*\*\*\*). The leaves of the roses and (of the) trees of the garden. Here are the clothes (*abiti, m.*) of the children. We speak (*Noi parliamo*) of the trees and (of the) plants of the earth. I come from the duke's palace.

\*) *Fanciullo* means *lad*; *fanciulla*, a young lady, a girl; a little girl is *ragazza*, a little boy *ragazzo*. *Figli* or *figliuoli* (Pl.) means the children of a family, without regard to sex. Thus a lady would say: *ho cinque figli, due maschi e tre femmine*, I have five children, two boys and three girls.

\*\*) The article must be repeated here, the two objects being of different gender.

\*\*\*) The English inversion (Saxon genitive): *of my friend's death*, cannot be imitated in Italian.

## Diálogo.

Ho io il libro del cugino?	Tu hai il libro del cugino.
Hai tu il ritratto della zia?	Si, io ho il ritratto della zia.
Ha egli veduto il giardino del re?	Si, egli ha veduto il giardino ed il castello del re.
I fanciulli hanno gli scrigni?	Si, i fanciulli hanno gli scrigni.
Chi ( <i>who</i> ) aveva la penna del fratello?	Io aveva la penna del fratello.
Di chi sono quelle pere?*)	Sono di mio fratello.
Di chi sono questi giardini?	Sono del re e della regina.
Di chi sono questi libri?	Questi libri sono di vostro padre.
Avete voi veduto il cane dell'amico?	Ecco il cane dell'amico.
Di chi sono queste oche?	Sono di vostra cugina.

## Fourth Lesson.

Frequently the cases of substantives are governed by prepositions, which appear almost in every sentence, and should therefore be learned early. Generally speaking the Italian prepositions govern no particular case, i. e. *they are simply put before the noun with or without its article*. In elegant speech, however, some of them are used with the genitive and dative case, whereby a slight variation in the original signification is effected. See P. II. Lesson 14.

<i>a</i> , at, to, in.	<i>su</i> , on, upon.	<i>durante</i> , during.
<i>di</i> , of.	<i>sotto</i> , under, beneath.	<i>dopo</i> , after.
<i>da</i> , from, by, at.	<i>tra</i> , } between.	<i>dinanzi</i> , before
<i>in</i> , in.	<i>fra</i> , }	(place).
<i>senza</i> , without.	<i>sopra</i> , upon.	<i>dietro</i> , behind.
<i>con</i> , with.	<i>avanti</i> , before (time).	<i>contro</i> , against.
<i>per</i> , for, through.	<i>davanti</i> , before (place).	<i>verso</i> , towards.

*Note.* The prepositions *in* (in), *con* (with), *su* (on), *tra*, *fra* (between), and *per* (for) are often *contracted* with the article in one word; such is usually the case with *in*, *con*, and *su*, and sometimes with *tra*, *fra*, and *per*, as the pupil may learn from the following table.

\*) *Di chi è* and *di chi sono* corresponds to the English: to whom belongs? and: to whom belong? The sentence: *di chi sono quelle pere?* might also be rendered thus: whose pears are those?

<i>in</i> il = nel.	<i>con</i> il = col.	<i>su</i> il = sul
„ lo = nello.	„ lo = collo.	„ lo = sullo.
„ la = nella.	„ la = colla.	„ la = sulla.
„ i = nei.	„ i = coi.	„ i = sui
„ gli = negli.	„ gli = cogli.	„ gli = sugli.
„ le = nelle.	„ le = colle.	„ le = sulle.
<i>per</i> il = pel*).	<i>tra</i> il = tral*).	
(„ lo = pello.)	(„ lo = trallo.)	
(„ la = pella.)	(„ la = tralla.)	
„ i = pei, <i>or</i> pe'.	„ i = trai, <i>or</i> tra'.	
(„ gli = pegli.)	(„ gli = tragli.)	
(„ le = pelle.)	(„ le = tralle.)	

## Words.

*La scuola*, the school.

*il maestro*, the master.

*l'acqua*, the water.

*la mano*, the hand.

*la pioggia*, the rain.

*il tetto*, the roof.

*la camera*, the room.

*la chiesa*, the church.

*la notte*, the night.

*il giorno*, the day.

*la cucina*, the kitchen.

*il cortile*, the yard (of a house).

*la tasca* the pocket.

*la serva*, the servant.

*abita*, } lives, dwells,

*sta*, } resides.

*la tavola*, the table.

*Luigi*, Lewis.

*dove (ove)*, where? *chi*, who? *a (in) casa*, at home.

S. *Io sono*, I am

*tu sei*, thou art

*egli è*, he is

*ella è*, she is

P. *noi siamo*, we are

*voi siete*, you are

*eglino sono*, they (*m.*) are

*èllo sono*, they (*f.*) are.

*Sono io?* am I?

*sei tu?* art thou?

*è egli?* is he?

*è ella?* is she?

*siamo noi?* are we?

*siete voi?* are you?

*sono eglino?* are they?

*sono elleno* are they?

## Reading Exercise. 7.

Io sono nel (= in il) cortile del vicino. L'uccello è sul (= su il) tetto. Il gatto è dietro la stufa. Sei tu in\*\* giardino. Siete voi in cucina? Luigi è da mio padre. I cavalli sono davanti la porta. Dopo la pioggia. Durante la notte. Avanti il giorno. Il fanciullo è sotto l'albero. Questo libro

\*) Generally *per* is only contracted with *il* and *i* (= *pel* and *pei*) into one word. The contractions with *tra* and the article are very rare.

\*\*) Before some names of places used in a general sense, the article is often left out in Italian, as sometimes in English. Ex.: in town, in church, at school etc., *in città*, *in chiesa*, *in scuola* etc.

è pel (= per il) maestro e per lo scolare. Questa pera è per mia zia. Il cane è nell' (= in la) acqua. Mia zia è in chiesa. Senza danaro (*money*). Coi (= con i) cavalli di mio zio. Cogli (= con gli) amici di mio cugino. Mia cugina sta a Parigi (*Paris*) nella casa di mia zia. Io ho il coltello in mano. Egli aveva le mani *in tasca*. Il libro è *nella* tasca del padre.

## Traduzione. 8.

X 1. In the yard. During the rain. I am before the house of the physician. Lewis is in the garden. The servant is in the room. The masters are at school. Before (the) night. The birds are on the roof of the church. I speak (*io parlo*) of the coat (*Gen.*), — of the flowers, — of my father, — of my mother. My sister is at home.

2. The two knives are upon the table. Where are the cats? They are in the kitchen. The three children of my cousin (*m.*) are in town. The horses are in the water. The penknife of the boy is on the table. Without my father. I went (*Sono andato*) with my sister. I come with the friend of my brother.

## Diálogo.

Dove è Luigi?	Egli è nel cortile dello zio.
Dove è mio figlio?	Egli è in giardino.
I fanciulli sono dal maestro?	No, essi giuocano ( <i>play</i> ) davanti alla casa.
Di che cosa ( <i>what</i> ) parli ( <i>speakest</i> ) tu?	{ Io parlo del re. { Io parlo dei cavalli.
Dove abita tuo cugino?	Abita dalla zia.
Vostra cugina è in iscuola?	No, essa è in chiesa.
Chi è andato in chiesa?	Mia sorella è andata*) nella chiesa della Madonna.
È in casa vostro fratello?	No, è andato dal medico.
La serva è in cucina o in giardino?	È nel giardino del vicino.
Avevate voi veduto le anitre ( <i>ducks</i> ) nel cortile?	Noi avevamo veduto le anitre, e le oche.
Con chi ( <i>with whom</i> ) siete andati?	Noi siamo andati con nostro padre.

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\*) In Italian the past participle, joined to the auxiliary verb *essere*, to be, must always agree with its substantive in *gender* and *number*. Ex.: *Mio fratello è andato (m.)*; *mia sorella è andata (f.)*; *i fratelli sono andati (m. p.)*; *le sorelle sono andate (f. p.)*.

## Fifth Lesson.

### The partitive genitive.

In English the word *some* (or *any*) often precedes a substantive, when no particular kind, measure or quality is meant, as: *some* wine, *some* bread, *any* ink etc.

In Italian this relation is expressed by the form of the *genitive*\*), which is now considered as a *nomi-native* or *accusative* case.

Thus *the* wine, *the* beer, *the* oil means: *il* vino, *la* birra, *l'olio*; but *some* wine, *some* beer, *some* oil is: *del* vino, *della* birra, *dell'olio*.

*Note.* When such words are used in quite an *indefinite* and *general* sense, both languages agree, and *no* article precedes the substantive. Ex.: He sells paper, pencils, and ink, *egli vende carta, matite ed inchiostro*.

The pupil is advised to compare the following examples:

*Io vedo le anitre*, I see the ducks.

*Io vedo delle anitre*, I see some (a few) ducks.

*Io vedo anitre*, I see ducks (but no geese).

*Egli vende del tabacco*, he sells tobacco (and other articles).

*Egli vende tabacco*, he is a tobacconist.

*Note.* In *negative* sentences the partitive sense is most commonly expressed by the *omission* of the article. Thus:

We have *no* flowers.

*Non abbiamo fiori.*

You have neither money nor friends.

*Non avete nè danaro nè amici.*

### Words.

*La farina*, the flour, meal.

*la carne*, the meat.

*il ferro*, the iron.

*l'oro*, the gold.

*l'argento*, the silver.

*il danaro*, the money.

*lo spirito*, the spirit.

*il piombo*, the lead.

*il sale*, the salt.

*la scarpa*, the shoe.

*il mercante*, } the merchant.

*il negoziante*, }

*lo (il) zucchero*, the sugar.

*il caffè*, the coffee.

*la prugna, la susina*, the plum.

*il formaggio*, the cheese.

\*) Of the singular as well as of the plural.

<i>l'impiegò</i> , the office (pl. — <i>ghi</i> ).	<i>la ragazza</i> , the girl.
<i>il forestiero</i> , the foreigner.	<i>la figlia</i> , the daughter.
<i>lo straniero</i> , the stranger.	<i>la calza</i> , the stocking.
<i>la matita</i> , the pencil.	<i>il latte</i> , the milk.
<i>il butirro</i> ( <i>burro</i> ), the butter.	<i>la minestra</i> , the soup.
<i>l'inchiostro</i> , the ink.	<i>l'olio</i> , the oil.
<i>il ragazzo</i> , the boy.	<i>l'aceto</i> , the vinegar.

*Che*, what? *ma*, but.

S. <i>Io avrò</i> , I shall have	<i>Avrò io?</i> shall I have?
<i>tu avrai</i> , thou wilt have	<i>avrà tu?</i> shalt thou have?
<i>egli avrà</i> , he will have.	<i>avrà egli?</i> will he have?
P. <i>noi avremo</i> , we shall have	<i>avremo noi?</i> shall we have?
<i>voi avrete</i> , you will have	<i>avrete voi?</i> shall you have?
<i>essi avranno</i> , they will have.	<i>avranno essi?</i> will they have?

### Reading Exercise. 9.

Io avrò del pane e della farina. Avrete voi anche del sale? I re avranno dell'oro e dell'argento\*). Eglino avranno anche del danaro. Tu avrai del formaggio. Luigi avrà della carta e dell'inchiostro. Questo mercante vende olio ed aceto. Luigi avrà anche dei libri e delle matite. Avevano esse dei fiori? Io do a tuo cugino delle pere e delle susine. Nel cortile sono le oche e le anitre. Vi sono oche nel cortile. Gli stranieri avranno del danaro. Noi avremo della minestra e della carne. Nel giardino vi sono alberi, frutta e fiori.

### Traduzione. 10.

1. We shall have some butter and (some)\*\*) cheese. You will have milk and eggs. Here is *the* bread. Here is some bread. My father had lead and iron. This child had some flowers. My cousin (*f.*) will have some flour and bread. There are soup, oil and vinegar. The merchant had sugar and coffee. The queen had gold and silver. I give (to) the boys books, pencils and pens.

2. They will also have some paper and ink. My uncle sells paper, pencils, pens and ink. Lewis has horses and dogs. We have seen horses. Thy sister will have shoes and stockings. I give (to) thy brother clothes and flowers. Shall you have (any) friends (*m.*)? They (*f.*) will have friends (*f.*). These men are foreigners. There are books and pictures at thy uncle's\*\*\*).

\*) There are a great many examples like this to be found, where Italians, for the sake of euphony, put a word in the "partitive genitive" which in English requires no article at all.

\*\*) Article always repeated.

\*\*\*) See the note page 16.



## DIALOGO.

Abbiamo noi della farina? \	Noi abbiamo del sale e della
Abbiamo noi anche del sale? \	farina.
Avete voi del butirro e del	No, signora ( <i>Madam</i> ), ma
pane?	abbiamo del denaro.
Che cosa ( <i>what?</i> *) avete voi?	Abbiamo carne e pane.
Ha Ella delle matite?	No, ma ho delle penne.
Hanno essi delle pere?	No, ma essi hanno delle prugne.
Che cosa hai tu sotto il brac-	Io ho dei libri e della carta.
cio ( <i>arm</i> )?	
Per chi ( <i>whom</i> ) sono questi	Essi sono per mio cugino.
libri?	
Dove c'è ** ) dell'oro?	In Rùssia c'è dell'oro.
Tua sorella ha dello zùc-	Ella ha dello zucchero e del
chero? ***)	caffè.
Avrà dei quaderni tuo cu-	Si, egli avrà dei quaderni, del-
gino ( <i>Nom.</i> )?	l'inchiostro e delle penne.
Chi vende formaggio?	Il mercante vende ( <i>sells</i> ) for-
	maggio.
Avete delle frutta in casa?	Si, signore ( <i>Sir</i> ), abbiamo delle
	frutta.
Che cosa c'è da mia zia ( <i>at</i>	Vi sono libri e quadri.
<i>my aunt's</i> )?	

## Sixth Lesson.

## Continuation.

The "partitive genitive" has its own declension, i. e. particular forms for the genitive, dative, accusative and ablative case. The *dative* of this declension, however, is very rare. It is formed by putting *a* or *ad* before the partitive articles *del*, *della*, *dello*, *dell'*; pl. *dei*, *delle*, *degli*, and *degli'*. Ex.: You always think of†) money, of wine, of books, *voi pensate sempre a del danaro, a del vino, a dei libri*.

\*) *What?* is *che?* or *che cosa?* (which thing?) In familiar conversation Italians often say *cosa?* which, however, is not quite correct, while "*che?*" is mostly used in the *south*, from Rome downser.

\*\*) *C'è?* instead of *ci* (= *vi*) *è?* (in French *y a-t-il*) corresponds to the English: *is there?*

\*\*\*) Before *masc.* nouns beginning with *z* the article *il* may be used, instead of *lo*, thus: *lo zucchero*; *lo zio* and *il zucchero*, *il zio*. The Plur. is only *gli*, e. g. *gli zii*, the uncles.

†) In Italian "to think" governs the *dative*.

The *genitive* case of this declension is of frequent occurrence and very simple. Here the article is entirely omitted, *di* taking its place before the substantive, as:

Nom. (*del*) *vino*, some wine. | (*della*) *birra*, some beer.  
Gen. *di vino*, of wine. | *di birra*, of beer.

Such is the case, when the substantive is governed by another word implying *measure, weight, number or quantity*, as:

*Una bottiglia di vino*, a bottle of wine.  
*Un bicchiere d'acqua*, a glass of water.  
*Dieci libbre di carne*, ten pounds of meat.  
*Una quantità di zucchero*, a great deal of sugar.

English *compound* substantives are often rendered by this genitive, as:

*Il maestro di scuola*, the school-master.  
*Il mercante di vino*, the wine-merchant.

*Adjectives*, denoting the material of which a thing is made, are rendered by *substantives* with *di*, as:

*Un anello d'oro*, a gold ring\*.  
*Una tavola di legno*, a wooden table.

This genitive is also governed by some *adverbs* of *quantity*, as: *niente*, nothing; *qualche cosa*, something etc., as:

*Niente di buono*, nothing good\*\*.  
*Qualche cosa di grande*, something grand.

The nominative and accusative case of this partitive form are always *alike*.

### Examples.

#### Singular.

Nom.	}	( <i>del</i> ) <i>vino</i> , some wine.	( <i>dell'</i> ) <i>inchiostro</i> , some ink.
Acc.			
G.		( <i>di</i> ) <i>vino</i> , of wine.	<i>d' inchiostro</i> , of ink.
D.		a ( <i>del</i> ) <i>vino</i> , (to) on wine.	a ( <i>dell'</i> ) <i>inchiostro</i> , (to) on ink.
Abl.		da ( <i>del</i> ) <i>vino</i> , from wine.	da ( <i>del</i> ) <i>inchiostro</i> , from ink.

\* In poetry there are also adjectives like *áureo*, golden, *marmóreo*, of marble, *argénteo*, of silver etc.

\*\* It must be well understood, that the word governed by these *adverbs* of quantity cannot be a *substantive*. The pupil would be entirely wrong in saying as in French: *poco di birra*, little beer, *poco* being in such a case considered as an *adjective*.

Nom.	}	(della) carta, some paper.
Acc.		
G.		di carta, of paper.
D.		a (della) carta, (to) on paper.
Abl.		da (della) carta, from paper.

## Plural.

Nom.	}	(dei) libri, some books.	(degli) specchi, some looking-glasses.
Acc.			
G.		di libri, of books.	di specchi, of looking-glasses.
D.		a (dei) libri, (to) on books.	a degli specchi, (to) on looking-glasses.
Abl.		da (dei) libri, from books.	da (degli) specchi, from looking-glasses.

Nom.	}	(delle) scarpe, some shoes.
Acc.		
G.		di scarpe, of shoes.
D.		a (delle) scarpe, (to) on shoes.
Abl.		da (delle) scarpe, from shoes.

## Words.

Una bottiglia, a bottle.	un quintale, a hundred-weight.
un bicchiere, a glass.	una quantità, a great deal.
una tazza, a cup.	una moltitudine, a multitude,
una scatola, a box.	a great many.
una libbra, a pound.	la bocca, the mouth.
un chilogramma, } a kilo-	il metro, the meter.
un chilo (pl. chili), } gram.	il braccio, the arm.
il panno, the cloth.	il litro, the liter.
la birra, the beer.	una dozzina, a dozen.
la persona, the person.	lo stivale, the boot.
la lettera, the letter.	il legno, the wood.
l'anello, the ring.	quattro, four.
il contadino, the peasant.	cinque, five.
l'orologio, m. the watch.	séi, six. sette, seven.
il porco, the pig.	otto, eight.
il cucchiaino, the spoon.	nové, nine. diéci, ten.
la forchetta, the fork.	bevuto, drunk.
ricevuto, received got.	venduto, sold.
comprato, bought.	dàtemi, give me. (mi dia)
qualche cosa { di, } something.	che, than, as.
non . . niente { di, } nothing.	subito, directly.

But he may say: *un poco di birra*, because here *un poco* is considered as a substantive. The usual manner of rendering such expressions does not differ from English. Thus: little money, *poco danaro*; little beer, *poca birra*; much gold, *molto oro*; many books, *molti libri* etc., where these adverbs of quantity are considered as adjectives. (See Part II: the *Adjective*.)

## Reading Exercise. 11.

Ecco una bottiglia di vino. Noi abbiamo comprato tre chilogrammi di zucchero. Egli ha venduto due quintali di caffè. La regina aveva un gran numero di cavalli. Io penso a dell'oro e a dell'argento. Tu pensi sempre a balli ed a concerti. Ho ricevuto questi libri da (degli) amici. Mia zia avrà una dozzina di calze. Voi avrete un foglio di carta. Eglino non\*) avevano niente di buono. Il contadino aveva cinque buoi, dieci cavalli ed una quantità di porci. Egli ha bevuto troppo (*too much*) vino. Voi avrete un orologio d'oro. Il vicino ha comprato dieci chili di cioccolata (*chocolate*). Ho ricevuto una lettera e una scatola da mia zia. Abbiamo veduto una moltitudine di persone.

## Traduzione. 12.

1. I shall have some pens. Thou wilt have a sheet of paper. She will have some pencils. We shall have a glass of wine. My brother will have nothing good. I shall also have a bottle of wine. I have drunk two glasses of water and a bottle of beer. We had received two kilograms of sugar, six kilograms of coffee and ten liters of wine. You will have a great many looking-glasses and many boxes. The peasant has bought ten oxen and a wooden house.

2. In this box there are seven meters of cloth. These persons have sold a dozen (of) boots. We had a silver watch and a gold ring. Shall you have a wooden table or a *stone one*?) How many (*Quante, f.*) persons have you seen? We have seen three — six — nine persons. He has received a great many letters. We shall have nine meters of cloth. Have you drunk a bottle of wine? We have not drunk a bottle of wine, but a cup of coffee. Give me a sheet of paper. My sister has bought two gold rings and three silver spoons from some English merchants. What have you done?\*\*\*)

## Diálogo.

Che cosa avete bevuto?

Noi abbiamo bevuto un bicchiere d'acqua.

\*) Before the verb, when followed by *niente* or *nulla* (nothing), the negative particle *non* is always required.

\*\*) Expressions like this can by no means be literally translated. The sentence must be rendered thus: *Avete una tavola di legno o di pietra*, have you a table of wood or of stone?

\*\*\*) *Che cosa?* being considered as an interrogative pronoun, an adjective or participle following cannot agree with *cosa*; in this case: "Che cosa avete fatto?"

Quanti chilogrammi (chili) di zucchero avete comprati?*)	Noi abbiamo comprato tre chili di zucchero.
Dátemi una tazza di latte!	Súbito, signore.
Sapete ( <i>Do you know</i> ) qualche cosa di nuovo ( <i>new</i> )?	No, non so ( <i>know</i> ) niente di nuovo.
Quanto ( <i>How much</i> ) danaro hai?	Io ho cinque lire ( <i>franks</i> ).
Avevano eglino ricevuto la scatola di legno?	Non so.
Dove avete veduto il maestro di musica?	Noi abbiamo veduto il maestro nel giardino.
Aveva egli dei fiori?	Sì, aveva molti fiori.
Avete voi delle case?	Abbiamo otto case.
Pensi ( <i>thinkst</i> ) tu a del vino?	No, io penso a della birra.
Quanti metri volete ( <i>will you</i> ) di questo panno?	Dátemi due metri.
Da chi avete comprato gli orologi?	Da degli stranieri.
Di chi è questa forchetta d'argento?	È di mia sorella.
Dátemi una dozzina di camice e un paio di stivali?	Ecco, signore, le camice e gli stivali.

## Seventh Lesson.

### Terminations modifying the meaning of substantives.

The Italian language abounds in *terminations* that serve to augment or diminish the original idea of a word. By the addition of these syllables, the same word undergoes so many modifications, that sometimes two and more adjectives are not able to render the meaning expressed by those terminations.

Thus, for instance, *avaro* means: a miser; *avarone* a covetous, scraping fellow, and *avaraccio* an old, clutching sinner. *Un giovane* means a youth; *un giovanotto*, a smart young man.

The diminutive terminations afford a still greater variety of modifications. A word, which is already a diminutive, may, by the addition of other diminutive syllables, express the most singular modifications of the original signification.

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\*) The *participle* generally agrees with its noun in *gender* and *number*, when *following* it, and always when used with *essere*.

Thus *libro* means book, *libretto* a little book, also the text or words of an opera; *librettino*, a nice little book; *libriccino*, a dear little book; *libércolo*, a nasty little book. *Librettuccio*, *libricciuolo*, *libretticciuolo*, *libruccio* cannot be rendered exactly in English.

Of these terminations the following are most in use\*):

1) *one* (by which, with a few exceptions, every word becomes masculine) indicates *augmentation* in general, as: *libro*, — *libróne* (large b.); *porta* (door), *portóne* (large gate); *sala* (saloon), *salóne* (large saloon).

2) *otto* (m.), *otta* (f.). These terminations express *strength*, *bigness* and *greatness*. For example: *contadina* (countrywoman), *contadinotta* (a strong c.).

3) *accio* (m.), *accia* (f.); *astro* (m.), *astra* (f.); *azzo* (m.), *azza* (f.) suggests an idea of something *bad*, *despicable* etc., as: *dottore* (doctor), *dottoraccio* (a bad, ignorant d.); *médico* (physician), *medicastro* (a quack).

4) *ino* (m.), *ina* (f.); *etto* (m.), *etta* (f.); *ello* (m.), *ella* (f.) indicate *diminution*, sometimes with the accessory idea of *fondness*, *loveliness*, *compassion* and *tenderness*, as: *póvero* (poor), *poverino* (my poor boy\*\*); *mano* (hand), *manina* (little hand); *vecchio* (old man), *vecchietto* (poor old man).

The syllable —*ino* frequently serves in familiar conversation to denote a *younger* member of a noble family. Thus *conte* means *count*, and *contessa* countess, whereas *contino* and *contessina* mean the *young* count and the *young* countess.

5) *uolo* (ólo), *úccio*, *úzzo*, (fem.) *uola*, *uccia*, *uzza* express *diminution* and at the same time *baseness* and *disdain*, as: *frate* (monk, friar), *fratúzzo* (a contemptible monk); *casa* (house), *casúccia* (a miserable house).

\*) Yet these syllables cannot be used indifferently. There are, e. g., substantives which are never found with *ella* or *ello* etc., whereas they admit *etta* or *etto* and *vice versà* etc.; and besides, the same syllable has sometimes very different significations. Thus *casella* (from *casa*, house) will hardly ever be met with; the usual form being *casetta*. *Casino* signifies a cottage and a ball-room, but it has now degenerated to the far worse meaning of "womens' tavern". *Giovinotto* means a smart young man, whereas *aquilotto* does not mean a strong eagle, but a young eagle still unfledged. — The pupil can only become familiar with these syllables by frequent reading.

\*\*) Adjectives also may be used with these syllables.

For the sake of euphony a letter or a syllable is often *inserted* before these terminations, as: *rete*, net, *reticella*, little net, *tèsta*, head, *testolina*, little head; *pazzo*, fool, *pazzarello*, little fool.

**NB.** It must be well understood that the use of these syllables is not obligatory in Italian. Besides, not every word that appears with one of these syllables, is really modified by them. In some words, e. g. *cantone*, corner, the original signification of the termination has been lost in the course of time; in others, as in *scodella*, dish, the termination is merely accidental; and in *figliastro*, step-son, the syllable *astro* ought to denote, of course, nothing contemptible.

6) Other terminations of this kind are:

a) *ágli*a (for substantives), as: *plebágli*a, populace.

b) *icciólo*, *iccióla* (for substantives), as: *terriccióla*, little village; *resticciólo*, a little remainder.

c) *iccio*, *ígn*o, *ógnolo* (for adjectives), as: *giallógnolo* yellowish, fallow; *verdiccio*, greenish; *asprígn*o, somewhat harsh.

d) *úto* (augmentative, for adjectives), as: *nasúto*, long-nosed, *corpacciúto*, stout.

#### Words.

*Il gigánte*, the giant.  
*l'ombréll*o, the umbrella.  
*l'ombrellíno*, the parasol.  
*la chiáve*, the key.  
*la cèra*, the wax.  
*il díto*, the finger (pl. *le dita*).  
*il tuóno*, the thunder.  
*la bárba*, the beard.  
*gli occhiáli*, the spectacles.  
*il príncipe*, the prince.  
*la bárca*, the boat.  
*il pescatóre*, the fisherman.

*l'odóre*, the smell.  
*il náso*, the nose.  
*la spálla*, the shoulder.  
*la guáncia*, the cheek.  
*il cóllo*, the neck.  
*póvero*, poor.  
*infelice*, unhappy.  
*vezzóso*, nice.  
*ignoránte*, ignorant.  
*ridíc*olo, ridiculous.  
*mólt*o, much, very.  
*quéllo*, -a, that.

*Io éra*, I was.  
*tu éri*, thou wast.  
*egli éra*, he was.  
*noi eravámo*, we were.  
*voi eraváte*, you were.  
*eglino érano*, they were.

*Era io?* was I?  
*eri tu?* wast thou?  
*era egli?* was he?  
*eravamo noi?* were we?  
*eravate voi?* were you?  
*erano eglino?* were they?

## Reading Exercise. 13.

Io aveva un salone con due finestroni. Egli è un mediatro. Dove sono i libri di questo poetastro? Dove abita questo poverino? Egli sta in quella casuccia. Ho comprato un ombrellino per mia madre. Che cosa vuole (*wants*) questo vecchietto? Il gigante aveva una barbetta ridicola. Egli era un povero fratuozzo. I forestieri erano nella barchetta del contadinello. Questo giovinotto è vostro cugino? Sì, Signore, è mio cugino. Questo maestrucolo *col*\*) suo cappellaccio sulla testa, col suo librone sotto il braccio e coi suoi occhialoni sul nasetto è molto ridicolo.

## Traduzione. 14.

1. Have you seen the little child of the foreigner? He was a vigorous young man of much spirit. This hardy country-woman has two nice\*\*) little children. This woman has a nice little girl. You will have three thick books. This quack was very ignorant. Give the (*dat.*) little boy these little books. Thou wast very unhappy, my poor boy.

2. Give the (*dat.*) poor old man a little bit (*pezzo* = a piece, bit) of bread! Who is this tall young man? There are many bad physicians and bad poets in this country. This little dog (*cagnolino*) belongs to (*è del*) my little brother and (to my little) sister. Have you seen the large palace of the young prince? Who is that young lady (*signora*, lady)? She is the sister of the young count.

## Diálogo.

Di chi è questo libretto?	Della ( <i>see the Poss. Pron.</i> ) mia sorellina.
Da chi avete comprato questo libriccio?	Dal libráio ( <i>bookseller</i> ) dietro la chiesetta.
Volete entrare ( <i>enter</i> ) nella mia barchetta?	No, grazie ( <i>thank you</i> ), signorino!
Che cosa volete fare ( <i>do</i> ) di questo cappellone?	Lo darò ( <i>I shall give it</i> ) a questo povero vecchierello.
Avete dato ( <i>given</i> ) un poco di latte al nostro cagnolino?	No, non ancora ( <i>not yet</i> ).
Che cosa hai perduto ( <i>lost</i> ), poverina ( <i>my poor girl</i> )?	Ho perduto il danaro del mio fratellino.
Non è egli un bellissimo ( <i>very fine</i> ) ragazzino?	Hairagione***) ( <i>You are right</i> ); egli è bellissimo.

\*) In Italian *possessive* adjectives are generally preceded by the definite article. See Lesson 14.

\*\*) See note \*) p. 41.

\*\*\*) Literally: Thou hast reason (*tu as raison*).



Apri (*open*) la tua manina! No, non vóglío (*I will not*)!  
 Che cosa pensi (*dost thou think*) Egli è un pazzeréllo (*pazzo*,  
 tu del tuo cuginetto? *fool*).

## Eighth Lesson.

### Proper names.

There are in Italian:

1. Proper names of *persons*, christian and family names, as: *Luígi*, Lewis; *Cárlo*, Charles; *Emília*, Emily; *Metastásio*, *Paríni* etc.

2. Names of *countries*, *provinces*, *mountains*, *rivers* *lakes*, *towns*, as: *l'Európa*, Europe; *l'Austria*, Austria; *l'Itália*, Italy; *il Réno*, the Rhine; *Lóndra*, London; *Róma*, Rome.

As a rule, the *former* and the names of *towns* have no article, whereas the latter usually take the *definite* article; being, of course, declined like all other substantives, as: *la Fráncia*, France; *della Fráncia*, of France; *alla Fráncia*, to France; *dalla Fráncia*, from France.

The declension of proper names of *persons* or *towns* is very simple; they merely take *di*, *a*, and *da* in order to form their respective cases. Ex.:

Nom.	}	<i>Enríco</i> , Henry.
Acc.		
Gen.	<i>di Enríco</i> , of Henry or Henry's.	
Dat.	<i>ad Enríco</i> , to Henry.	
Abl.	<i>da Enríco</i> , from, by Henry.	

Nom.	}	<i>Giúlia</i> , Julia.
Acc.		
Gen.	<i>di Giúlia</i> , of Julia or Julia's.	
Dat.	<i>a Giúlia</i> , to Julia.	
Abl.	<i>da Giúlia</i> , from, by Julia.	

Nom.	}	<i>Firénze</i> , Florence.
Acc.		
Gen.	<i>di Firénze</i> , of Florence.	
Dat.	<i>a Firénze</i> , at, in, to Florence.	
Abl.	<i>da Firénze</i> , from Florence.	

*Note.* 1) In Italian we cannot say, as we do in English: *William's* hat, *Henry's* book, *Julia's* mother. Expressions

like these must be rendered thus: *Il cappello di Gugliélmo* (the hat of William); *il libro di Enrico* (the book of Henry); *la madre di Giulia* (the mother of Julia); the nominative or accusative always *preceding* the genitive case.

2) *To* and *in* before proper names of *countries* are rendered by *in*, as: *in Italia*, to Italy, in Italy. *Vado in Germania*, I go to Germany; *sono in Inghilterra*, I am in England.

3) *To* and *at* before names of *towns* must be translated with *a* (sometimes *ad* before vowels), as:

He goes *to* Paris, *egli va a Parigi*.

He lives *at* Aix-la-chapelle, *egli dimora ad Aquisgrana*.  
(Further explanations will be given in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Part.)

#### Words.

<i>Il guánto</i> , the glove.	<i>la Spágna</i> , Spain.
<i>la fávola</i> , the fable.	<i>la Svizzera</i> , Switzerland.
<i>il tabárro</i> , the cloak.	<i>la Lombardía</i> , Lombardy.
<i>il córso</i> , the course (also the principal promenade of a town).	<i>le Alpi</i> , the Alps.
<i>il signóre</i> , Mr., the gentleman.	<i>Cárlo</i> , Charles.
<i>la signóra</i> , Mrs.; the lady.	<i>Gugliélmo</i> , William.
<i>la signorina</i> , the young lady.	<i>Federico (Federigo)</i> , Frederick.
<i>Berlino</i> , Berlin.	<i>Maria</i> , Mary.
<i>Vienna</i> , Vienna.	<i>Giörgio</i> , George.
<i>Parigi</i> , Paris.	<i>Giúlio</i> , Julius.
<i>Mónaco</i> , Munich, Monaco.	<i>Sofia</i> , Sophia.
<i>Venezia</i> , Venice.	<i>Giácomo</i> , James.
<i>Miláno</i> , Milan.	<i>dáte</i> , give (2. pl.).
<i>Génova</i> , Genoa.	<i>létto</i> , read (past part.).
<i>Nápoli</i> , Naples.	<i>lúngo</i> , long.
<i>la capitále</i> , the capital.	<i>arriváto</i> , arrived.
<i>l'Inghilterra</i> , England.	<i>partíto</i> , set out.
<i>la Sassónia</i> , Saxony.	<i>mórto</i> , dead.
	<i>sémpre</i> , always.
	<i>iéri</i> , yesterday.

#### Reading Exercise. 15.

Ecco le favole di Esopo. Ho veduto il castello del re di\*) Sassónia. Date la scátola a Sofia. Date la penna ad Enrico. Dove è il\*) signor Ambrosi? Dove sono i figli della signora Brown? Ecco la casa della signora Camozzi. Ieri eravamo a Firenze. Siete stato a Vienna? Mio cugino è in

\*) The titles *signore*, *signora* and *signorina* are preceded by the *definite article* (except when used to address a person); thus: *il signor Tardini*, Mr. Tardini; *la signora Uberti*, Mrs. Uberti. With names of princes one uses simply *di* before the names of the countries they belong to.

America. Il corso del Reno è lungo. Ecco una carta (*map*) della Germania. Io fui da Giacomo e da Pietro (*at P.'s*). Tuo fratello è arrivato da Venezia. Luigi Filippo, re di Francia, è morto in Inghilterra. Ecco i cavalli di Carlo. Dove erano gli specchi di Luigia? Avete letto le *opere* (*works*) di Goethe?

#### Traduzione. 16.

1. My father is in Paris. My uncle is in Vienna. Paris is the capital of (*della*) France, and Vienna is the capital of Austria. Thy mother is in America. Where was my sister Emily? Where are Sophia's gloves? Where are Frederick's books? France was always the friend (*f.*) of Switzerland. I have seen the Alps of Switzerland and the Pyrenean Mountains (*i Pirenei*) between France and Spain.

2. I come from Florence. Yesterday I was at William's and (*at*) Sophia's. I have got this book from Lewis. This poet died (*transl.* is dead) in Milan. The king of Spain and the queen of England are in Paris. The course of the Po is long. I know (*conosco*) Italy, France and Germany; I also know Rome, Paris and London.

#### Diálogo.

Dove eri tu?	Io era a Parigi.
Donde vieni tu? ( <i>Where dost thou come from?</i> )	Io vengo da Nápoli.
Dove sono i guanti di Teresa?	Sono sulla tavola.
Che ( <i>which</i> ) paese è questo?	La Germania.
Che città è questa?	La città di Londra.
Quale è la capitale della Sassonia?	Dresda.
Quale è la capitale dell' Austria?	Vienna.
Chi è qui ( <i>who is there</i> )?	Il figlio del signor Camozzi.
A chi date voi questi libri?	Li ( <i>them</i> ) diamo ( <i>we give</i> ) al signor Giorgio.
Quante città avete vedute in Italia?	Abbiamo veduto Milano, Genova, Firenze, Roma e Venezia.
Avete letto le poesie ( <i>poems</i> ) del Leopardi?	No, Signore, ma abbiamo ( <i>we have</i> ) letto le tragédie del Niccolini.
Dove foste ( <i>were you</i> ) ieri?	Fummo ( <i>we were</i> ) dalla Signora Piavossi e da Teresa.

## Ninth Lesson.

The auxiliary verb *Avére*, to have.

## Indicative Mood.

*Present.*

<i>Io ho</i> , I have.	<i>noi abbiamo</i> , we have.
<i>tu hai</i> , thou hast.	<i>voi avete</i> you have.
<i>egli ha</i> , he has.	<i>eglino hanno</i> , }
<i>ella ha</i> , she has.	<i>elleno hanno</i> , } they have.

*1st Imperfect.*

<i>Io avéva</i> , I had.	<i>noi avevamo</i> , we had.
<i>tu avévi</i> , thou hadst.	<i>voi avevate</i> , you had.
<i>esso avéva</i> , he had.	<i>essi avevano</i> , they had.

*2nd Imperfect.*

<i>Io ébbi</i> , I had.	<i>noi avémmo</i> , we had.
<i>tu avésti</i> , thou hadst.	<i>voi avéste</i> , you had.
<i>egli ebbe</i> , he had.	<i>eglino ebbero</i> , they had.

*1st Future\*).*

<i>Io avrò</i> , I shall have.	<i>noi avrémo</i> , we shall have.
<i>tu avrái</i> , thou wilt have.	<i>voi avréte</i> , you will have.
<i>egli avrà</i> , he will have.	<i>eglino avranno</i> , they will have.

## Conditional Mood.\*)

*Present.*

<i>Io avréi</i> , I should have. x x	<i>noi avrémmo</i> , we should have.
<i>tu avrésti</i> , thou wouldst have.	<i>voi avréste</i> , you would have.
<i>egli avrébbe</i> , he would have.	<i>eglino avrébbero</i> , they would have.

## Compound Tenses.

**Avúto**, had.*Perfect.*

<i>Io ho avuto</i> , I have had.	<i>noi abbiamo avuto</i> , we have had.
<i>tu hai avuto</i> , thou hast had.	<i>voi avete avuto</i> , you have had.
<i>egli ha avuto</i> , he has had.	<i>eglino hanno avuto</i> , they have had.

*1st Pluperfect.*

<i>Io aveva avuto</i> , I had	<i>noi avevamo avuto</i> , we had	} had.
<i>tu avevi avuto</i> , thou hadst	<i>voi avevate avuto</i> , you had	
<i>egli aveva avuto</i> , he had	<i>eglino avevano avuto</i> , they had	

\*) On the etymological formation of these tenses, see the regul. verb Less. 20.

## 2nd Pluperfect.

<i>Io ebbi avuto</i> , I had	} <sup>had</sup>	<i>noi avemmo avuto</i> , we had	} <sup>had</sup>
<i>tu avesti avuto</i> , thou hadst		<i>voi avete avuto</i> , you had	
<i>egli ebbe avuto</i> , he had		<i>eglino ebbero avuto</i> , they had	

## 2nd Future.

*Io avrò avuto*, I shall have had.  
*tu avrai avuto*, thou wilt have had.  
*egli avrà avuto*, he will have had.  
*noi avremo avuto*, we shall have had.  
*voi avrete avuto*, you will have had.  
*eglino avranno avuto*, they will have had.

## Conditional.

## Perfect.

*Io avrei avuto*, I should have had.  
*tu avresti avuto*, thou wouldst have had.  
*egli avrebbe avuto*, he would have had.  
*noi avremmo avuto*, we should have had.  
*voi avreste avuto*, you would have had.  
*eglino avrebbero avuto*, they would have had.

## Imperative Mood.

<i>Abbi</i> , have (thou).	<i>abbiamo</i> , let us have.
<i>non avére</i> , have not (thou).	<i>abbiate</i> , have (you).
<i>abbia</i> , have (polite form).	<i>abbiano</i> , have (polite form).

## Subjunctive Mood.

## Present.

<i>Ch'io</i>	} <sup>have</sup>	<i>che noi abbiamo</i> , that we	} <sup>have</sup>
<i>che tu (sei)</i>		<i>che voi abbiate</i> , that you	
<i>ch'egli</i>		<i>ch'eglino abbiano</i> , that they	

## Imperfect.

<i>Ch'io avéssi</i> , that I had.	<i>che noi avéssimo</i> , that we had.
<i>che tu avéssi</i> , that thou hadst.	<i>che voi avéste</i> , that you had.
<i>ch'egli avésse</i> , that he had.	<i>ch'eglino avéssero</i> , that they had.

## Compound Tenses.

## Perfect.

*Ch'io abbia avuto*, that I (may) have had.  
*che tu abbia avuto*, that thou have had.  
*ch'egli abbia avuto*, that he have had.  
*che noi abbiamo avuto*, that we have had.  
*che voi abbiate avuto*, that you have had.  
*ch'essi abbiano avuto*, that they have had.

*Pluperfect.*

*Ch'io avessi avuto*, that I had had.  
*che tu avessi avuto*, that thou hadst had.  
*ch'egli avesse avuto*, that he had had.  
*che noi avessimo avuto*, that we had had.  
*che voi aveste avuto*, that you had had.  
*ch'essi avessero avuto*, that they had had.

## Infinitive Mood.

<i>Present.</i>	<i>Perfect.</i>
<i>Avére</i> , to have.	<i>avere avuto</i> , to have had.

## Gerund.

<i>Present.</i>	<i>Perfect.</i>
<i>Avéndo</i> , having.	<i>avendo avuto</i> , having had.

## Participles.

<i>Present.</i>	<i>Perfect.</i>
( <i>Avente</i> ), having*).	S. <i>avuto</i> (m.), <i>avuta</i> (f.) } had. P. <i>avuti</i> (m.), <i>avute</i> (f.) }

## Remarks.

1. As we hinted in one of the former lessons, the Italian verb does not always require the personal pronouns *io, tu, egli* etc., the persons being sufficiently marked by the *terminations* of the verb. For example: *Avete*, have you? *Avrete*, will you have? *Aveste*, had you? etc.

2. *Avere* also means *to receive, to get*, as: *Avrò del danaro*, I shall get some money.

3. The negative, interrogative and negative-interrogative forms differ but slightly from the English, in so far as the negative particle *non* is always placed immediately before the verb. The learner may compare:

a) With the pronoun.	b) Without the pronoun.
<i>Io aveva</i> , I had.	<i>Aveva</i> , I had.
<i>Aveva io?</i> had I?	<i>Aveva?</i> had I?
<i>Io non aveva</i> , I had not.	<i>Non aveva</i> , I had not.
<i>Non aveva io?</i> had I not?	<i>Non aveva?</i> had I not?

4. The *polite form of addressing* a person in Italian is *Ella*\*\* (she). This mode of address is quite peculiar to the Italian language. Formerly the term *Vossignoria* was used

\* Little used.

\*\* Commonly written with a capital letter. Instead of *Ella* the accus. *Lei* may be used as *nom.*, if a stress is laid on the pronoun. This form is very frequently met with in Northern Italy, Tuscany and at Rome, whilst at Naples *Voi* is preferred.

(not unlike the English "*your Lordship*" or the Spanish «*Vuestra merced* = *Usted*»), which being *feminine* requires the *third person. sing. femin.*, as: *Vossignoria ha*, your Lordship *has*. This word «*Vossignoria*» is now obsolete; the construction, however, remains, and is always employed, when a person is politely spoken to, as: Have you? *ha Ella?* (has *she* i. e. *Vossignoria*); will you have? *avrà Ella?* (will *she* have); are you? *è Ella?* (is *she*); *comanda?* (*Ella* left out), what do you want? (literally: *does she command?*)

In mercantile style and in familiar conversation with foreigners the *second person plural* is used, as in English and French, as: *Avete voi?* have you (*avez-vous*)? *Volète?* will you (*voulez-vous*)?

The *second person singular* (thou) is much more frequently employed than in English. It is used by relations and intimate friends, and whenever employed, marks a certain degree of intimacy. For ex.: *Hai?* (hast thou) have you? *Vuoi?* will you? *Avevi tu?* had you?

## Tenth Lesson.

### Words.

<i>La borsa</i> , the purse (also exchange).	<i>la sostanza</i> , the fortune.
<i>il borsellino</i> , the purse.	<i>la fortuna</i> , (the) fortune, happiness, good luck.
<i>la carròzza</i> , the carriage.	<i>l'affanno</i> , (the) sorrow.
<i>il calamaio</i> , the inkstand.	<i>i genitóri</i> , the parents.
<i>il libro da scrivere</i> , } the copy-	<i>il sarto</i> , the tailor.
<i>il quaderno</i> , } book.	<i>la lámpada</i> , the lamp.
<i>l'affare</i> , } the business.	<i>il cortigiano</i> , the courtier.
<i>la faccenda</i> , }	<i>felice</i> , happy.
<i>la visita</i> , the visit.	<i>gentile</i> , gentle.
<i>la paura</i> , the fear.	<i>abile</i> , clever.
<i>la versione</i> , the translation.	<i>amabile</i> , amiable.
<i>il dovere</i> , the duty.	<i>giovane</i> , young.
<i>il piacere</i> , the pleasure.	<i>avér*) la gentilezza</i> , to have the kindness.
<i>diligente</i> , diligent.	<i>avér fame</i> , to be hungry.
<i>lodévole</i> , praiseworthy.	<i>avér sete</i> , to be thirsty.
<i>utile</i> , useful.	<i>mangiato</i> , eaten
<i>oggi</i> , to-day.	<i>scritto</i> , written
<i>domani</i> , to-morrow.	<i>trovato</i> , found
<i>la nuóva</i> , the news.	<i>perduto</i> , lost
<i>buono</i> , good.	

\*) The final —e, of the *Infinitive* is very often dropped before words beginning with a consonant, except *s impura*.

**Reading Exercise. 17.**

Io ho un amico. Tu avevi una casa. Egli ebbe due visite. Avrà Ella domani un nuóvo libro? Un abile maestro avrà molti scolari. Gli scolari avranno buoni\*) maestri. Ha Ella veduto quell' (*that*) amabile fanciullo? Gli\*\*) amabili ragazzini avevano tre sorelline gentili. Questo infelice aveva perduto molto danaro. Chi è il padre del ragazzo? Il signore che (*whom*) Ella ha veduto ieri da mio cugino. Questi signori avevano una grande sostanza. Avevamo la fortuna di (*to*) avere dei vicini molto gentili. Avrei mangiato la minestra, se (*if*) avessi avuto fame. Noi avremmo bevuto la birra, se avessimo avuto sete. Che cosa hai dato al sarto? Del danaro per gli abiti di mio fratello. Abbia la gentilezza di dirmi (*to tell me*) dove abita il signor Verdi? Abbia pazienza! Non aver\*\*\*) paura!

**Traduzione. 18.**

1. Had you (any) friends? Yes, we had many friends. Shall you (*Ella*) have some money? They would have horses and carriages. This evening I shall have a visit from my cousin. I have written four letters. You have good parents. These children will have ink and pens. He would have an inkstand. They would have some paper, pencils, and pens. What have you had? Had you (*Ella*) (any) enemies? The children are hungry and thirsty. This poor man has lost his (*la sua*) fortune. You would have had useful books. Yesterday we have eaten bread and fruit.

2. This diligent pupil had written many translations. Thou wilt have thy money to-morrow. He had had unfortunate friends. The pupil's writing-book had ten sheets. We had (*pass. rem.*) the good luck to (*di*) have good teachers. The tailor has brought the clothes for Charles and William. You had the visit of the count yesterday. We shall have seen the garden of the prince. This praiseworthy pupil has had a great fortune. He says (*dice*) that you have lost the spectacles. We have had a translation. You had (*pass. rem.*) amiable sisters. Let us have patience! He had written a book on the duties of men. Have (thou) not [= no] fear!

**Diálogo.**

Chi ha avuto del danaro? Il mercante ha avuto molto danaro.

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\*) Adjectives must agree in number and gender with the substantives they qualify. See note \*\*) p. 27.

\*\*) Before *masculine* adjectives beginning with *vowels*, the article is *lo* instead of *il*, as: *l'amabile ragazzo*, pl. *gli amabili ragazzi*.

\*\*\*) See note \*) p. 40.



Avete fame, fanciulli?	No, non abbiamo fame, ma abbiamo sete.
Chi aveva scritto la lettera?	Carlo aveva scritto la lettera.
Che cosa avrà la signora Matilde?	Avrà un bell'orologio.
Abbia la gentilezza di dirmi dove è il teatro.	Ecco là il teatro.
Che cosa avevate mangiato dal vicino?	Avevamo mangiato delle pere.
Avete molti affari?	I mercanti hanno molti affari.
Avrebbe Lei forse ( <i>perhaps</i> ) il mio libro, signora!	Sì, ho il Suo*) ( <i>your</i> ) libro.
Che cosa avresti fatto ( <i>done</i> ), se tu avessi avuto del denaro?	Avrei comprato carrozza e cavalli.
Non aver paura!	No, signora, non ho paura.

## Eleventh Lesson.

The auxiliary verb *Èssere*, to be.

Indicative Mood.

*Present.*

<i>Io sòno</i> , I am.	<i>noi sòmo</i> , we are.
<i>tu sèi</i> , thou art.	<i>voi siéte</i> , you are.
<i>egli è</i> , he is.	<i>eglino sòno</i> , they are.
<i>ella è</i> , she is.	<i>elleno sòno</i> , they are.
( <i>Ella è</i> , you are.)	

*1st Imperfect.*

<i>Io éra</i> , I was.	<i>noi eravamo</i> , we were.
<i>tu éri</i> , thou wast.	<i>voi eraváte</i> , you were.
<i>egli éra</i> , he was.	<i>eglino érano</i> , they were.
<i>ella éra</i> , she was.	<i>elleno érano</i> , they were.
( <i>Ella éra</i> , you were.)	

*2nd Imperfect.*

<i>Io fùì</i> , I was.	<i>noi fúmmo</i> , we were.
<i>tu fòsti</i> , thou wast.	<i>voi fòste</i> , you were.
<i>egli fu</i> , he was.	<i>eglino fùrono</i> , they were.
( <i>Ella fu</i> , you were.)	

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\*) Literally: I have *his* book. The possessive adjective *Suo*, *Sua*, answering to the polite mode *Ella*, is here written with a capital letter. This practice, however, is not universal in Italian.

*1st Future.*

<i>Io sarò</i> , I shall be.	<i>noi saremo</i> , we shall be.
<i>tu sarai</i> , thou wilt be.	<i>voi sarete</i> , you will be.
<i>egli sarà</i> , he will be.	<i>eglino saranno</i> , they will be.
<i>(Ella sarà</i> , you will be.)	

## Conditional Mood.

*Present.*

<i>Io sarei</i> , I should be.	<i>noi saremmo</i> , we should be.
<i>tu saresti</i> , thou wouldst be.	<i>voi sareste</i> , you would be.
<i>egli sarebbe</i> , he would be.	<i>eglino sarebbero</i> , they would be.
<i>(Ella sarebbe</i> , you would be.)	

## Compound Tenses.

**Stato, -a, been.***Perfect.*

<i>Io sono stato</i> , -a, I have been.	<i>noi siamo stati</i> , -e, we have been.
<i>tu sei stato</i> , -a, thou hast been.	<i>voi siete stati</i> , -e, you have been.
<i>egli è stato</i> , he has been.	<i>eglino sono stati</i> , they have been.
<i>ella è stata</i> , she has been.	<i>elleno sono state</i> , they have been.

*1st Pluperfect.*

<i>Io era stato</i> , -a, I had been.	<i>noi eravamo stati</i> , -e, we had	} been.
<i>tu eri stato</i> , -a, thou hadst been.	<i>voi eravate stati</i> , -e, you had	
<i>egli era stato</i> , he had been.	<i>eglino erano stati</i> , they had	

*2nd Pluperfect.*

<i>Io fui stato</i> , -a, I had been.	<i>noi fummo stati</i> , -e, we had	} been.
<i>tu fosti stato</i> , -a, thou hadst been.	<i>voi foste stati</i> , -e, you had	
<i>egli fu stato</i> , he had been.	<i>eglino furono stati</i> , they had	

*2nd Future.*

<i>Io sarò stato</i> , -a, I shall have been.
<i>tu sarai stato</i> , -a, thou wilt have been.
<i>egli sarà stato</i> , he will have been.
<i>noi saremo stati</i> , -e, we shall have been.
<i>voi sarete stati</i> , -e, you will have been.
<i>eglino saranno stati</i> , they will have been.

## Conditional Mood.

*Perfect.*

<i>Io sarei stato</i> , -a, I should have been.
<i>tu saresti stato</i> , -a, thou wouldst have been.
<i>egli sarebbe stato</i> , he would have been.
<i>noi saremmo stati</i> , -e, we should have been.
<i>voi sareste stati</i> , -e, you would have been.
<i>eglino sarebbero stati</i> , they would have been.

## Gender of Adjectives.

1. *Masculine* adjectives ending in *o* form their feminine in *a*, as:

buono, fem. buona.  
 largo, „ larga.  
 povero, „ povera.

2. Adjectives terminating in *e* serve for both masculine and feminine, as:

*l'amabile ragazzo*, the amiable boy.  
*l'amabile ragazza*, the amiable girl.  
*il felice contadino*, the happy peasant.  
*la felice contadina*, the happy countrywoman.

Adjectives form their plural like substantives, viz.:

*o* is changed into *i*.  
*a* „ „ „ *e*.  
*e* „ „ „ *i*.

## Remarks.

Adjectives terminating in *ca* and *ga* take, like the substantives, in the Plural an *h* after *c* or *g*, in order to retain the *hard* sound, as:

*la casa bianca*, the white house.  
*la case bianche*, the white houses.

Those ending in *co* and *go*, when of *two syllables*, form their Plural in *chi* and *ghi*, as:

bianco — bianchi.  
 largo — larghi.

When these adjectives are of *more than two syllables*, the question is, on which syllable the *stress* is laid. Those that have the accent on the *last but one*, form, with few exceptions, *chi*, e. g.:

*tedesco* (German), Pl. *tedeschi*.  
*antico* (ancient), „ *antichi*.

When, on the contrary, the stress is on the *antepenultimate*, *ci* predominates, e. g.:

*barbárico* (barbarous), Pl. *barbarici*.  
*clássico*, „ *classici*.

There are also many adject. ending in *—co* with *both* terminations. (See part II.: the formation of the Plural.)

*Note 1.* One and the same adjective or participle belonging to *two* substantives of *different* genders, must be put in the *Plural masculine*, as: *il fratello e la zia sono partiti*,

the brother and aunt have departed. When, however, belonging to more than two substantives of different genders, it generally agrees with the *last noun*, as: *il padre, la cugina e le sorelle sono partite.*

2. A substantive in the *Plural* may also be followed by two or more adjectives in the *Singular*, as: *i plenipotenziari francese e russo*, the French and the Russian plenipotentiaries.

(The article before the *last* adjective is, of course, omitted in this case.)

## Words.

<i>La penna d'acciaio</i> , the steel-	<i>gróss</i> o, big.
<i>la passeggiáta</i> , the walk. [pen.	<i>gráss</i> o, fat.
<i>il nástro</i> , the ribbon.	<i>l'ambasciatóre</i> , the ambassador.
<i>l'áva</i> , the grape.	<i>allégro</i> , lively, merry.
<i>il cigno</i> , the swan.	<i>piccolo</i> , little.
<i>il pittóre</i> , the painter.	<i>leggiéro</i> , light; <i>facile</i> , easy.
<i>lo scultóre</i> , the sculptor.	<i>pesánte</i> , heavy.
<i>l'autóre</i> , the author.	<i>aggradévole</i> , agreeable.
<i>la rónidine</i> , the swallow.	<i>spiacévole</i> , or <i>sgradévole</i> dis-
<i>il mérito</i> , the black-bird.	agreeable.
<i>l'appétito</i> , the appetite.	<i>terréstre</i> , terrestrial, earthly.
<i>la piázza</i> , the place (square).	<i>turchino</i> , } blue.
<i>l'ária</i> , the air.	<i>azzúro</i> , }
<i>báss</i> o, low.	<i>néro</i> , black.
<i>magnífico</i> , magnificent.	<i>róss</i> o, red.
<i>dólce</i> , sweet.	<i>grigio</i> , grey (gray).
<i>célebre</i> , }	<i>vérd</i> e, green.
<i>famóso</i> , } famous, celebrated.	<i>giállo</i> , yellow.
<i>distánte</i> , distant, far.	<i>laborióso</i> , diligent.
<i>brutto</i> , ugly.	<i>strétto</i> , narrow.
<i>dótt</i> o, learned.	<i>véde</i> ( <i>Ella</i> ), do you see?
<i>l'usignuólo</i> , the nightingale.	<i>mi piace</i> , I like, I am fond of.

## Reading Exercise. 31.

Non ho ricevuto quel bel nastro rosso che mia zia ha comprato per me. I colori dell'Austria sono giallo e nero, quelli dell'Italia bianco, rosso e verde. Vede (*Ella*) la piccola rondine per (*in the*) aria? La musica francese non è così (*so*) bella come (*as*) la musica italiana. Io preferisco (*I prefer*) la musica tedesca. Gli autori tedeschi sono laboriosi. La poesia inglese è famosa. Le novelle del Boccaccio ed i sonetti del Petrarca sono magnifici. Le vie delle città antiche non sono larghe. Il padre, la cugina e la zia sono partite. Mi piace il dolce canto dell'usignuolo. Il cigno è un uccello bianco e grosso col collo lungo. Il merlo è nero. Molti Tedeschi hanno la barba rossa. Un cane troppo grosso non mi piace. Abbiamo mangiato dell'uva molto dolce. Che begli

occhi azzurri! Gli uomini e le donne sono soggetti alle stesse passioni. Datemi della carta bianca e dell' inchiostro turchino! Egli è un uomo dotto e celebre. Gli ambasciatori spagnuolo e portoghese (*Portuguese*) sono partiti. I classici italiani sono ammirati in tutto il mondo. La nostra passeggiata non sarà molto aggradevole; il tempo è troppo brutto.

### Traduzione. 32.

These geese are big and fat. That gentleman is not so tall as this. Michelangelo was a famous sculptor, and Raphael (*Raffaello*) Sanzio a very great painter. These steel-pens are too thick and heavy. What beautiful houses and (what) gardens! These books are useful and agreeable. The Italian grape is very sweet. My cousin lives (*sta*) in a distant town. The blue eyes of this girl are very fine. Many plants always have green leaves. Italian songs are lively. The black hats of those gentlemen are too low. (The) iron is a heavy metal. Do you see (transl. *see you*) that large house? Do you also see those large doors? St. Peter's (*San Pietro*) in Rome is a magnificent church. Who is that gentleman with the gray beard? He is the author of a famous novel (*romanzo*). Our teacher lives in that high but very narrow house. On the round place there is a little house. The modern (*moderno, -a*) Italian music is less (*meno*) beautiful than the (*della*) German music.

### Diálogo.

È (Ella) contenta, signore?	No, non sono contento.
Chi era Raffaello Sanzio?	Era un celebre pittore italiano.
Come trova (Ella) i sonetti del Petrarca?	Li ( <i>them</i> ) trovo come ognuno li trova; sono magnifici.
Chi è partito oggi?	Mia madre e mio padre sono partiti.
E chi è arrivato?	Il cugino, la cugina e le sorelle sono arrivate.
Le piace ( <i>Do you like</i> ) la musica francese?	No, preferisco la musica italiana.
Conosce (Ella) quella signora?	Sì, è una ricca Inglese.
Chi è quel signore col cappello bianco?	È un francese molto dotto.
Dove sta il tuo sarto?	In via Umberto Primo, in una casa rossa.
Sono buone le stoffe inglesi?	Sono eccellenti.
Ha veduto i giardini pubblici di questa città?	Sì, sono belli, lunghi e larghi.

## Nineteenth Lesson.

### Degrees of Comparison.

The comparison of Italian adjectives is quite analogous to the English. The comparative degree is formed by the word *più*, more, and the superlative by *il più* (fem. *la più*), the most. Examples:

#### Comparative.

<i>bello,</i> }	beautiful.	<i>più bello,</i> }	more beautiful.
f. <i>bella,</i> }		<i>più bella,</i> }	

#### Superlative.

<i>il più bello,</i> }	the most beautiful.
<i>la più bella,</i> }	

A *negative* comparison is effected by the words *meno*, less, for the comparative degree, and *il meno*\*) (f. *la meno*), the least, for the superlative, as:

<i>bello,</i> }	beautiful.	<i>meno</i> **) <i>bello,</i> }	less beautiful
f. <i>bella,</i> }		<i>meno bella,</i> }	(not so beautiful).
<i>il meno bello,</i> }	the least beautiful.		
<i>la meno bella,</i> }			

Moreover, there is a *superlativo assoluto* (without comparison) by which a *high degree* is expressed. It is formed by the addition of the syllable *issimo* for the masculine, and *issima* for the feminine, as:

*cattivo*, bad. Superl. ass. *cattivissimo* (fem. *cattivissima*),  
*very bad, extremely bad.*  
*diligente*, diligent. Sup. ass. *diligentissimo* (fem. *diligentissima*), *very diligent.*

(For further observations on the degrees of comparison see the 2nd Part.)

The following adjectives have, besides their regular form, an *irregular* (Latin) one:

#### Comp.

<i>alto</i> , -a, high.	<i>superiore</i> , higher, superior.
<i>buono</i> , -a, good.	<i>migliore</i> , better.
<i>cattivo</i> , -a, bad.	<i>peggiore</i> , worse.
<i>grande</i> , great.	<i>maggiore</i> , greater, older or elder.
<i>piccolo</i> , -a, little.	<i>minore</i> , less, younger.

\*) *Meno*, being an *adverb*, is invariable.

\*\*) The final *o* of *meno* is sometimes dropped (except before *s impura*), as: *men bello*. In poetry *manco* is sometimes used for *meno*, as: *manco infelice di me*, less unhappy than I.

*Superl.*

*il suprémo*, } the highest.  
*la supréma*, } the supreme.  
*il, la migliore*, the best.  
*il, la peggiore*, the worst.  
*il, la maggiore*, the greatest, oldest or eldest.  
*il, la minore*, the least, youngest.

*Superl. assol.\*)*

*sómmo*, -a, very high; the highest.  
*óttimo*, -a, very good; the best.  
*péssimo*, -a, very bad; the worst.  
*mássimo*, -a, very great; the greatest.  
*ménomo*, -a, } very little; the least.  
*(mínimo)*

The irregular Latin forms, with the exception of *migliore*, *peggiore*, *ottimo*, *pessimo*, are not to be used of material things; thus, for instance, not: *il maggior giardino*, but *il più gran giardino*.

Five adjectives form their *superl. assol.* (in the Latin way) in *errimo*. They are:

*acre*, sharp — *acérrimo*.  
*célebre*, famous — *celebérrimo*.  
*íntegro*, unblemished — *integérrimo*.  
*mísero*, miserable — *misérrimo*.  
*salúbre*, healthy — *salubérrimo*.

## Observations.

English *than* is rendered in two different ways, viz.:

1. When followed by a *substantive with* or *without an article* (or by a *pronoun*), *than* is not translated, and the substantive or pronoun is put in the *genitive case*, as:

*Il sole è più grande della luna*, the sun is larger than the moon.

*Tu sei più grande di me*, thou art taller than I.

*Egli è più eloquente di Cicerone\*\*)*, he is more eloquent than Cicero.

\*) The *superlativo assol.* of these adjectives has the *highest degree* in comparison. Thus *sommo* means *very high* or *extremely high* as well as the *highest*.

\*\*) Before *proper names* and before the word *uno*, we may equally well use *che*, as: *egli è più eloquente che C.* In general *che* expresses the *measure*, whilst *di* only denotes the *higher degree*. When I say: *il sole è più grande della luna*, the sense is: the moon is *small*, but the sun is *large*. These examples show

2. It is translated by *che*, when the comparison is merely expressed by *più* or *meno*, without an adjective following, as:

*V'è più oro che argento*, there is more gold than silver.

3. When two *different adjectives* are compared with one another, *than* must likewise be rendered, by *che*, as:

*Egli è più fortunato che prudente*, he is more happy than prudent.

4. When two *verbs* are compared, *than* is rendered by *che* and followed by *non*, if no *negation* precedes, as:

*Voi parlate più che non pensate*, you speak more than you think.

**NB.** When two or more *substantives*, are compared, not by means of an adjective (as 1) but by a *verb*, either *che* or *di* can be used, as:

*Il fratello scrive più che il (del) cugino.*

The brother writes more than the cousin.

5. *Adverbs* are always compared with one another by *che*, as:

*È meglio oggi che domani*, better to-day than to-morrow.

The English *as* — *as* or *so* — *as*, which precedes the adjective, is rendered by *così* (*si*) — *come*, or *tanto* — *quanto*, as:

*Il nostro giardino è così (tanto) bello come (quanto) il vostro*, our garden is as fine as yours.

**NB.** *Così* (*si*) and *tanto*, are frequently omitted.

*Quella ragazza è <sup>(tanto)</sup> (così) bella quanto innocente*, that girl is as beautiful as innocent.

*As much* (*as many*) — *as*, corresponds to *tanto*, *-a* — *quanto*, *-a*, as:

*Ho tanti libri quanto voi*, or *quanti ne avete voi*, I have as many books as you.

**NB.** *As*, when meaning *in the same condition*, is *tale e quale* (adjective), or simply *quale* as:

*Vi rendo i libri (tali e) quali li ho ricevuti.*

I give you the books back as I have received them.

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that the use of *di* or *che* is often rather arbitrary. In sentences, where several Genitives following each other would offend the ear, *che* is used instead of *di*; thus: *i libri della cugina sono migliori che i libri dei cugini*, in order to avoid *dei libri dei cugini*.



## Words.

<i>Lo scarafaggio</i> , the beetle.	<i>la lingua</i> , the language.
<i>l'insètto</i> , the insect.	<i>l'arte</i> , the art.
<i>l'ápe</i> , the bee.	<i>l'ásino</i> the ass. [man.]
<i>il vérme</i> , } the worm.	<i>il pázzo</i> , (the fool), the mad-
<i>il báco</i> , }	<i>il sávio</i> , the wise man.
<i>il mónte</i> , }	<i>fedéle</i> , faithful, true.
<i>la montágnà</i> , }	<i>córtò</i> , short.
<i>la sèta</i> , the silk.	<i>cortése</i> , polite.
<i>l'Olánda</i> , Holland.	<i>fértile</i> , fertile.
<i>l'elefánte</i> , the elephant.	<i>fórtè</i> , strong.
<i>il camméllo</i> , the camel.	<i>popoláto</i> , peopled, populous.
<i>la natúra</i> , the nature.	<i>amáto</i> , loved, beloved.
<i>il sérvò</i> , the man-servant.	<i>disprezzáto</i> , despised.
<i>la sérvà</i> , the maid-servant.	<i>ordinariaménte</i> , usually.
<i>la sála</i> , the drawing-room.	<i>spéssò</i> , often.

## Reading Exercise. 33.

L'Europa è più piccola dell'Asia. La Germania è più fertile dell'Olanda. L'ápe ed il baco da seta (*silk-worm*) sono insetti utilissimi. Il sávio è più felice del pazzo. Mia sorella è più grande di me, ma è anche maggiore di età. Questo scarafaggio è più grosso di quello. Il tetto della chiesa è più alto che largo. Queste sale sono più larghe che lunghe. Questa serva ciarla (*chatters*) più che non lavori (*works*). Egli sa (*knows*) più che non dice. I palazzi dei duchi sono grandissimi e bellissimi. Era un ragazzo povero povero\*). L'elefante è il più grande di tutti gli animali terrestri. Il cavallo è più bello del cammello. Il nostro giardino è (tanto) grande quanto il vostro. Mia zia è minore di mia madre, ma è più alta di lei. La città di Venezia è più bella della città di Trieste. Era una pessima faccenda (*business*). Queste mele sono migliori di quelle pere. Queste susine sono ottime. I metalli sono utilissimi agli uomini. I mesi di luglio e agosto sono caldissimi. L'uomo più ricco non è sempre il più felice.

## Traduzione. 34.

This wine is worse than (the) water. That beer is not so (less) bad. December and January are the coldest months

\*) By the repetition of an adjective, the expression becomes more emphatic, as: *povero*, poor; *povero povero*, very poor, poor as a church mouse. Similar forms are: *bel bello*, quite at one's ease, *pian piano*, softly etc. Ex.:

*Don Abbondio tornava bell bello dalla passeggiata verso casa (M.).*

D. A. went home from his walk quite slowly.

of the year. Also (the) November is often very cold. The Italian language is very rich. (The) dogs are the most faithful of all (the) animals. She is a very poor girl. Thy brother is older than thy cousin. (The) simple nature is more amiable than (the) art. The count's palace is more high than broad. This house is not so high. These books are not so good as those. (The) iron is a very useful metal; [it] is more useful than (the) gold and (the) lead (*piombo*). The most useful insects are the bee and the silk-worm. The children of the poor (*pl.*) are often happier than the children of the rich (*pl.*). Emily is a very fine girl; she is younger than her sister Lucy. This mountain is very high, higher than all the other mountains of this country. It is the highest mountain which I know (*che io conosca*). The 22nd (of) June is the longest, the 22nd (of) December the shortest day of the year. Mr. Calamari\*) is a very polite man; he is more polite than his brother. The rose is the finest of all (the) flowers. Mr. A. is a *very respectable* (from *integro*) man.

#### Díálogo.

Signorina Maria, è maggiore o minore di sua ( <i>your</i> ) sorella Luigia?	Io sono la maggiore di tutte le mie sorelle.
È ricco il Suo ( <i>your</i> ) vicino?	È meno ricco di suo fratello che è in America.
Qual è il metallo**) più utile?	Il ferro.
Quali sono i metalli più pesanti?	L'oro ed il piombo sono i più pesanti fra i metalli.
Come trova ( <i>do you find</i> ) questa birra?	È cattivissima (pessima).
Avete della birra migliore?	Nossignore, non ne abbiamo altra ( <i>no other</i> ).
Qual è il mese più freddo dell'anno?	Gennaio è ordinariamente il più freddo.
È salubre il clima di quel paese?	Sì, è saluberrimo.
È utile l'asino?	È tanto utile quanto il cavallo.
Quanti scolari ha il tuo maestro?	Ha tanti scolari quanti ne ha il tuo.
Come parla egli la lingua italiana?	Parla benóne***); meglio ( <i>better, adv.</i> ) di suo fratello Luigi.

\*) See Note \*) page 35.

\*\*) When the *Sup. relat.* follows its noun, the article is frequently omitted.

\*\*\*) Adjectives and adverbs sometimes take the terminations by which the meaning of substantives is modified, as: *bene*, well *benone*, very well; *povero*, poor; *poverino*, poor little one.

- Come scrive (*writes*) Sua Essa scrive meglio di me.  
 cugina?  
 Qual' è l'animale più crudele? La tigre è un animale crudelissimo; essa (*he*) è più crudele che tutti gli altri animali.  
 Dove si trova il miglior ferro? Il ferro migliore si trova nella Svezia.

## Twentieth Lesson.

### Regular verbs.

The verb consists of two elements, viz. the *root* and the *terminations*. The former is always *invariable* in regular verbs; the latter, however, undergo certain variations, by which *persons* and *tenses* are distinguished.

By the *termination* of the *Infinitive Mood* we distinguish *three* different forms of conjugation, viz.:

The *first* conjugation, with the Infinitive Mood ending in *are*, as: *trov-are*, to find.

The *second* conjugation, with the Infinitive ending in *ere*, as: *vend-ere*, to sell.

The *third* terminating in *ire*, as: *sent-ire*, to feel.

### Note.

The vowel preceding the last syllable *-re* is *characteristic* of the whole conjugation. The inflexions *after* these characteristic vowels are nearly alike in all three conjugations.

Some terminations are even always the same; they are:

the 2nd. pers. Sing. ending in i.	
" 1st. " Plur. " "	mo.
" 2nd. " Plur. " "	te.

I. Conjug.	II. Conjug.	III. Conjug.
<i>Infinitive</i>	<i>Infinitive</i>	<i>Infinitive</i>
<b>trov-are</b> ,	<b>vend-ere</b> ,	<b>serv-ire</b> ,
to find.	to sell.	to serve.
(Charact. vowel <i>a</i> .)	(Charact. vowel <i>e</i> .)	(Charact. vowel <i>i</i> .)

## Indicative Mood\*).

## Present.

Io trov-o, I find.	vénd-o, I sell.	sérv-o, I serve.
tu -i, thou findest.	-i, thou sellest.	-i, thou servest.
egli -a, he finds.	-e, he sells.	-e, he serves.
noi -iámo, we find.	-iámo, we sell.	-iámo, we serve.
voi -áte, you find.	-éte, you sell.	-íte, you serve.
eglino trov-ano, th. f.	vénd-ono, they sell.	sérv-ono, they serve.

## 1st Imperfect.

Trov-áva, I found.	vend-éva, I sold.	serv-íva, I served.
-ávi, thou foundest.	-évi, thou soldest.	-ívi, thou servedest.
-áva, he found.	-éva, he sold.	-íva, he served.
-avámo, we found.	-evámo, we sold.	-ivámo, we served.
-aváte, you found.	-eváte, you sold.	-iváte, you served.
-avano, they found.	-évano, they sold.	-ivano, they served.

## 2nd Imperfect.

Trov-ái, I found.	vend-éi, I sold.	serv-ti, I served.
-ásti, thou foundest.	-ésti, thou soldest.	-ísti, thou servedest.
-ò, he found.	-è, he sold.	-ì, he served.
-ámmo, we found.	-émmo, we sold.	-ímmo, we served.
-áte, you found.	-éste, you sold.	-íste, you served.
-árono, they found.	-érono, they sold.	-írono, they served.

## 1st Future.

Trov-erò, I shall	vend-eró, I shall	serv-irò, I shall
-erái, thou wilt	-erái, thou wilt	-irái, thou wilt
-erà, he will	-erà, he will	-irà, he will
-erémo, we shall	-erémo, we shall	-irémo, we shall
-eréte, you will	-eréte, you will	-iréte, you will
-eránno, th. will	-eránno, th. will	-iránno, th. will

\*) Concerning the formation of the Italian verb, we give the following hints: The verbs of the I. Conj. are partly verbs of the first Latin conjugation, partly from verbs of the II. and III. Lat. conjugation. Hence the great number of the verbs belonging to the I. Ital. conjugation, whereas those of the II. and III. are by far less numerous. The irregular Ital. verbs, however, belong almost exclusively to the II. and III. conjugation.

The Lat. *Præsens*, *Imperfectum*, and *Perfectum* are still extant as the It. *Presente*, *Imperfetto*, and *Passato remoto*. This is also the case with the *Præsens Coniunctivi*, whereas the *Imperfetto Coniunctivo* is from the Lat. *Plusquamperf. Coniunctivi* (*amassi* = *amavissem*). The composition of the tenses with *habere*, though rarely, already occurs in Latin. The Romance *Futuro* is but a blending of the *Infinitive* with the *Present tense* of *habere*. Thus: *venderò* = (a) *vendere ho* (i. e. *habeo*), I have to sell = I shall sell. In the same way the *Condizionale* is but the *Infinitive* with the *Perfectum* of *habere*, as *sentirei* = (a) *sentire habui* = (a) *sentir* = *c(bbi)i*, literally: I had to feel = I should feel.

## Conditional Mood.

*Present.*

Troveréi, I should	find.	venderéi I should	sell.	serviréi, I should	serve.
-eréstì, thou wldst.		-eréstì, thou wldst.		-iréstì, th. wouldst	
-erébbe, he would		-erébbe, he would		-irébbe, he would	
-erémmo, we shld.		-erémmo, we shld.		-irémmo, we shld.	
-eréste, you would		-eréste, you would		-iréste, you would	
-erébbero, they w.		-erébbero, they w.		-irébbero, they w.	

## Imperative Mood.

<i>Tróva</i> , find (thou).	<i>véndi</i> , sell (thou).
<i>non trováre*</i> , do (thou) not find.	<i>non véndere</i> , do (thou) not sell.
<i>tróvi</i> , find (polite form).	<i>vénda</i> , sell (you).
<i>troviámo</i> , let us find.	<i>vendiámo</i> , let us sell.
<i>trováte</i> , find (you).	<i>vendéte</i> , sell (you).
<i>tróvino</i> , find.	<i>véndano</i> , sell.

*sérvi*, serve (thou).  
*non servíre*, do (thou) not serve.  
*sérva*, serve.  
*serviámo*, let us serve.  
*servíte*, do (you) serve.  
*sérvano*, serve.

## Subjunctive Mood.

*Present.*

Ch'io tróv- <i>i</i> , that I find.	vénd- <i>a</i> , that I sell.
che tu — <i>i</i> , that thou find.	— <i>a</i> , that thou sell.
ch'egli — <i>i</i> , that he find.	— <i>a</i> , that he sell.
che noi — <i>íamo</i> , that we find.	— <i>íamo</i> , that we sell.
che voi — <i>íate</i> , that you find.	— <i>íate</i> , that you sell.
ch'eglino tróv- <i>ino</i> , that they find.	vénd- <i>ano</i> , that they sell.

*sérv-a*, that I serve.  
 —*a*, that thou serve.  
 —*a*, that he serve.  
 —*íamo*, that we serve.  
 —*íate*, that you serve.  
*sérv-anó*, that they serve.

*Imperfect.*

Se io trov- <i>ássi</i> , if I	found.	vend- <i>éssi</i> , if I	sold.	serv- <i>íssi</i> , if I	served.
se tu — <i>ássi</i> , if thou		— <i>éssi</i> , if thou		— <i>íssi</i> , if thou	
s'egli — <i>ásse</i> , if he		— <i>ésse</i> , if he		— <i>ísse</i> , if he	
se noi — <i>ássimo</i> , if we		— <i>éssimo</i> , if we		— <i>íssimo</i> , if we	
se voi — <i>áste</i> , if you		— <i>éste</i> , if you		— <i>íste</i> , if you	
s'eglino — <i>ássero</i> , if they		— <i>éssero</i> , if they		— <i>íssero</i> , if they	

\*) In the ancient form of languages, in Greek for instance, the infinitive is used for the imperative. Little children are apt to do the same.

## Infinitive Preterite.

**Aver trov-áto**, having found. | **aver vend-úto**, having sold.  
**aver serv-íto**, having served.

## Participle and Gerund.

*Present.*

**Part.** trov-ánte, finding. vend-énte, selling.  
**Gerund.** trov-ándo, finding. vend-éndo, selling.  
serv-énte, serving.  
serv-éndo, serving.

*Perfect.*

**Part.** trov-áto, -a, found. vend-úto, -a, sold.  
**Gerund.** avendo trov-áto, ha- avendo vend-úto, having sold.  
ving found.  
serv-íto, -a, served.  
avendo serv-íto, having served.

## Compound Tenses.

*Perfect.*

<i>Io ho</i>	} trovato, venduto, servito,	<i>I have</i>	} found.	
<i>tu hai</i>		<i>thou hast</i>		sold.
<i>egli ha</i>		<i>he has</i>		served.
<i>Io aveva</i>	} trovato, venduto, servito,	<i>I had</i>	} found.	
<i>tu avevi</i>		<i>thou hadst</i>		sold.
<i>egli aveva</i>		<i>he had</i>		served.

*1st Pluperfect.*

*Io ebbi trovato, venduto, servito*, I had found, sold, served.

*2nd Pluperfect.*

*Io avrò trovato, venduto, servito*, I shall have found, sold, served.

## Conditional.

*Perfect.*

*Io avrei trovato, venduto, servito*, I should have found, sold, served.

## Subjunctive Mood.

*Perfect.*

<i>Ch'io abbia</i>	} trovato, venduto, servito,	<i>that I have</i>	} found.	
<i>che tu abbi</i>		<i>that thou have</i>		sold.
<i>etc. etc.</i>		<i>etc. etc.</i>		served.

*Pluperfect.*

(*Se*) *Ch'io avessi trovato, venduto, servito*, (if) that I had found, sold, served.

## Note.

The interrogative, negative and negative-interrogative forms of all regular and irregular verbs are exactly like those of the auxiliary verbs, *with* or *without* personal pronouns, as:

*With pronoun.*

*Io compro*, I buy.  
*compro io?* do I buy?  
*Io non compro*, I do not buy.  
*Non compro io?* do I not buy?

*Without pronoun.*

*Compro*, I buy.  
*compro?* do I buy?  
*non compro*, I do not buy.  
*non compro?* do I not buy?

## Words in the following Reading Exercise.

*Egli divide* (p. rem.), he distributed.  
*il bene*, goods, wealth.  
*riserbare*, to keep, to reserve.  
*solamente*, solely; alone, but.  
*l'anello*, the ring.  
*prezioso*, precious.  
*disse* (p. rem.), he said.  
*a chi*, to him who . . .  
*saprà*, (will know) will be able to.  
*l'azione*, the action.  
*generoso*, -a, generous.  
*partire*, to depart, to set out.  
*ritornare*, to return.  
*dopo*, after.  
*mi*, me, to me.  
*confidare*, *affidare*, to entrust.  
*la cassetta*, the chest.  
*pieno*, -a, full, filled with.  
*prendere* (irreg.), to take.  
*la sicurezza* (*sicurtà*), security.  
*potuto* (past part. of *potere*), been able.  
*rubare*, to steal.  
*salvo*, -a, sure, saved.  
*invece*, in (its) stead.  
*il ritorno*, the return.  
*d'altrui*, of another, other people's.  
*fedelmente* adv., faithfully.

*bene* adv., well.  
*non — che* } only.  
*se non* }  
*scellerato*, -a, wicked.  
*restituire*, to render, to give back.  
*passare*, to pass by.  
*la peschiera*, the fish-pond.  
*precipitare*, to precipitate.  
*l'aiuto*, help, assistance.  
*si*, himself.  
*corsi* (p. rem.), I ran.  
*pronto*, -a, ready, quick.  
*cavare*, to draw out.  
*tenuto*, -a (past part.), obliged.  
*soccorrere* (irr.), to assist.  
*il pericolo*, the danger.  
*scambievolmente* adv., mutually.  
*allora*, then.  
*addormentato*, -a, fallen asleep.  
*l'orlo*, the brink.  
*il precipizio*, the precipice.  
*ei* (inst. of *egli*), he.  
*vi* (added to the Infinitive), there, in, into.  
*caduto*, -a (past part.), fallen.  
*lo* (acc.), it, him.  
*liberare*, to deliver, to free.  
*abbracciare*, to embrace.  
*teneramente* adv., tenderly.  
*déve*, must (3rd p. sing. pres.).

## Reading Exercise.

## Un padre e tre figli.

Un ricco padre divise fra tre figli i suoi beni. Si riserbò solamente un anello prezioso e disse: Questo sarà dato a chi di voi saprà fare l'azione più bella\*) e più generosa. I figli partirono e ritornarono dopo tre mesi.

Il primo disse: Uno straniero mi ha affidato una cassetta piena d'oro senza prenderne (*to take for it*) sicurezza alcuna. Avrei potuto rubarla (*to steal it*) a man salva (*without any danger*); ma invece al suo ritorno gliel' (*it him*) ho fedelmente restituita. Il padre rispose (*answered*): Tu hai fatto bene, ma però (*nevertheless*) non hai fatto che il tuo dovere; saresti stato il più scellerato uomo del mondo a rubarla (liter.: *to steal it* = *if you had stolen it*). Ognuno deve restituirla\*\*) fedelmente quel che (*that which*) non è suo.

Il secondo disse: Io passava un giorno vicino ad (*close by*) una peschiera; vidi (*I saw*) precipitarmi un fanciullo. Senza il mio aiuto ei si sarebbe annegato (*had been drowned*). Io corsi pronto e lo cavai salvo dall'acqua.

Anche la tua azione è buona, rispose il padre, ma anche tu non hai fatto che il tuo dovere. Siamo tutti tenuti a soccorrerci (*to assist each other*) scambievolmente nei pericoli.

Il terzo allora disse: Un giorno io ho trovato un mio nemico (*see Lesson 14, 4*) addormentato sull'orlo d'un precipizio. Voltandosi (*on turning round*) ei vi sarebbe caduto dentro; io l'ho (*have him*) liberato dal pericolo. Ah figlio! disse il padre, abbracciandolo (*embracing him*) teneramente; a te (*to you*) si deve (*must be given*) l'anello.

Il fare (*doing*) del bene agli stessi nemici (*even to enemies*) è l'azione più bella e più generosa di tutte.

## Exercises\*\*\*).

## The three regular Conjugations.

## I. Conjugation.

I speak Italian. Our teacher speaks six languages, he has told us (*ci* before the verb; and likewise the other pronouns in the *dat.* and *acc.*), that he lived („has lived“ in Ital.) several years in the (*all'*) foreign country. I should have spoken to the foreigner, if I had met him (*lo*). These merchants work much, but they earn little, because the com-

\*) The Superlative is often placed after the substantive.

\*\*) Before consonants (except *s impura*) the Infinitive sometimes drops its final *e*.

\*\*\*) In these Exercises the English expressions are accommodated to the Italian translation.



petition is very great. How many persons shall you invite for dinner? I shall invite twelve persons; my sister wishes me to (*say that I*) invite also some of her friends (*f.*). Tasso wrote (the) „Jerusalem delivered“; in this poem he relates how an army consisting (*composto*) of (*di*) Christians of different nations delivered (has delivered) the Holy Sepulchre. Charles, take the letter to the (*alla*) post-office, and when you come home (*Gerund.*), buy some fruit for this evening! Miss Mary! You sing so nicely (*tanto bene*), [do] sing once more the Neapolitan song of Santa Lucia! My music-master sang (*pass. rem.*) a very fine Italian song. We shall send you (*vi*) the wares (which) (*che*) you (*voi*) have ordered (see Note page 31). Thank your (*tuo*) uncle for the fine book (which) (*che*) he has bought you (thee) (*ti*). How long did your mother remain (*pass. rem.*) in the country? She remained only a month, and we had wished and hoped that she would remain there (*ci*) the whole summer, since (*poichè*) the physician had ordered her (*le*) a change of air. When will the ladies arrive? They will arrive at four o'clock in the afternoon. The general has ordered the soldiers to (*say that the sold. should*) remain in the barracks. Excuse me, if I did not (*non l'ho = la ho*) greet you; I did not see you.

To speak, *parlâre*.  
to sing, *cantâre*.  
to bring (take), *portâre*.  
to send, *mandâre*.  
to buy, *comp(ri)âre*.  
to form, *formâre*.  
to call, *chiamâre*.  
to invite, *invitâre*.  
to earn, *guadagnâre*.  
to tell (relate), *raccontâre*.  
to work, *lavorâre*.  
to deliver (liberate), *liberâre*.  
to excuse, *scusâre*.  
to pardon, *perdonâre*.  
to remain, *restâre*.  
to arrive, *arrivâre*.  
to return, *ritornâre*.  
to find, *trovâre*.  
to greet, *salutâre*.  
to meet, *incontrâre*.

to thank, *ringraziâre*.  
to hope, *sperâre* (with *Cong.*).  
to order, *comandâre*, *ordinâre*  
(with *Cong.*). ✕  
the foreign country, *l'estero*.  
lived (*pp.*), *vissûto*.  
the competition, *la concorrenza*.  
for dinner, *a prânzo*.  
Jerusalem, *Gerusalemme*.  
the poem (epic), *il poema*.  
the Christian, *il cristiano*.  
the grave (sepulchre), *il sepôlcro*.  
Neapolitan, *napoletano*.  
only, *soltanto*.  
this evening, *questa sera*.  
the summer, *l'estate*.  
the change of air, *il cambiamento d'aria*.  
the barracks, *la caserma*.

II. Conjugation.

I receive a letter from my mother every week. Also my sister writes me (*mi* bef. the verb) often. Write to your

friend that I shall read with pleasure the book (which) (*che*) he has sent me (*mi* bef. the verb). The soldiers fought bravely for their (the) country and dearly (*cara*) sold their lives (life). Many [people] do not believe in (*in*) God, but they would be happier, if they did believe in him (*in lui* after the verb). Don't fear, dear child, I shall write to your parents that you are innocent. Does this dog bite? No, he never bites. If he did bite me (*mi*), I should beat him (*lo*). I am afraid (that) you will fall (*subj.*). I was afraid you would fall. I don't think (that) he will return so soon (*così questo*) from Russia. (Do) not repeat what I have related! This poor youth lost (*pass. rem.*) his parents, when (*quando*) he was still a child in the cradle. When I see him (*lo*), I shall tell him (*gli*) what I read (have read) in a foreign paper about his invention. If I did see him (*lo*), I should invite him. Our neighbour sold (*pass. rem.*) his garden for (*per*) 3500 marcs. For (*per*) 50000 francs he would sell the house. We drink to the health of the emperor.

To receive, *ricevere*.

to beat, *battere*.

to fight, *combattere*.

to lose, *perdere*.

to fear (be afraid), *temere*  
(with *Cong.*).

to believe, *credere* (with *Cong.*).

to read, *leggere* (p. p. *letto*).

to write, *scrivere* (p. p. *scritto*).

to bite, *mordere* (p. p. *morso*).

to fall, *cadere*.

to drink, *bere, bere*.

bravely, *valorosamente*.

dear, *cáro*.

innocent, *innocente*.

never, *non — mai*.

what, *quel che*.

the youth, *il giovinetto*.

in the cradle, *in fasce*.

the invention, *l'invenzione*.

the paper (news-p.), *il giornale*.

to the health, *alla salute*.

### III. Conjugation.

Does the water boil? Not yet, but it will soon be boiling (boil). Boiled water (with *art.*) has not [an] [agreeable] taste. Who is sewing this fine linen shirt? My sisters are sewing it (*la* bef. the verb). I shall sew for papa half a dozen (*transl.* a. h. d.) pocket-handkerchiefs. Time flies and does not return. To-day I do not go out; the weather is too bad. When will you depart? I should depart to-morrow, if I were not unwell. Did you hear (*pass. rem.*) the report? I slept so fast that I did not hear the report. He felt the importance of this step. If he had served his master with faithfulness and zeal, he would have a better position now. Follow the example of your superiors! In serving our country (*Gerund.*) we serve ourselves (*noi stessi*). Mr. Rossi is a very charitable man, he dresses several poor [people] every year. His friends informed him (*lo*) that all was lost. (The) Nations

overcome (*sóffocano*) (the) pain in [a] different way; the German drinks it (*lo*) [away], the Frenchman eats it [away], the Spaniard weeps it [away], and the Italian sleeps it [away]. Sleep well, Sir!

To boil, *bollire*.  
to sew, *cucire*<sup>1)</sup>.  
to flee, *fuggire*.  
to go out, *uscire*.  
to depart, *partire*.  
to hear, }  
to feel, } *sentire*.  
to follow, *seguire*.  
to sleep, *dormire*.  
to lie (tell a lie), *mentire*.  
to punish, *punire*.  
to dress, *vestire*.  
to inform (advise), *avvertire*.  
to eat, *mangiare*.  
to weep, *piangere*.  
soon, *présto*. already, *già*.  
the taste, *il sapóre*.  
the shirt, *la camicia*.  
the flax, *il lino*.  
linen (adj.), *di lino*.  
the pocket-handkerchief, *il fazzoletto*.

Papa, *il babbo* (for Papa, *pe' babbo*).  
for Christmas, *a Natàle*.  
unwell, *indispósto*.  
the report (of a gun), *la schioppettata*.  
so fast, *tanto profondaménte*.  
the importance, *l'importánza*.  
the step (pace), *il páso*.  
the faithfulness (loyalty), *la fedeltà*.  
the zeal, *lo zélo*.  
the position, *il pósto, la posizione*.  
the example, *l'esémpio*.  
the superior, *il superiore*.  
charitable, *caritatévole*.  
in (a) . . . manner (or way), *in modo . . .*  
the pain, *il dolore*.  
the Frenchman, *il Francése*.  
the Spaniard, *lo Spagnuolo*.

## Twenty-first Lesson.

### Peculiarities of different verbs.

1. Verbs ending in *care* and *gare*, as: *pagare*, to pay; *mancare*, to fail, when *c* or *g* is followed by *e* or *i*, insert an *h* after *c* or *g*, so as not to lose the *hard* sound, as:

\*) *Cucire* keeps the *i* of the termination before *o* and *a*, as:

Pres. Ind. *io cucio*  
*tu cucì*  
*egli cuce*  
*noi cuciamo*  
*voi cucite*  
*eglino cuciono*.

Conj. *che io cucia ecc.*

<i>pago</i> , I pay.	<i>manco</i> , I fail.
<i>paghi</i> , thou payest.	<i>manchi</i> , thou failest.
<i>paga</i> , he pays.	<i>manca</i> , he fails.
<i>paghiamo</i> , we pay, etc.	<i>manchiamo</i> , we fail, etc.
Fut. <i>io pagherò</i> , I shall pay, etc.	Fut. <i>io mancherò</i> , I shall fail, etc.

2. Those in *ciare*, *giare* or *sciare*, where *i* merely indicates the soft pronunciation, drop this *i* before *e* or *i*, as:

<i>io mangio</i> , I eat.	<i>io lascio</i> , I let.
<i>tu mangi</i> (not <i>mangii</i> ), thou eatest.	<i>tu lasci</i> , thou lettest.
Fut. <i>io mangerò</i> , I shall eat.	Fut. <i>io lascerò</i> , I shall let.

Verbs in *chiare* and *gliare* are subject to the same rule, as:

*io consiglio*, I advise.  
*tu consigli* (not *consiglii*), thou advisest.  
*io apparecchio*, I prepare.  
*tu apparecchi*.

In the Fut., however, *io apparecchierò*, *io consiglierò*.

Finally this rule holds good of the verbs in *iare*, whenever the *i* of the termination is preceded by another vowel, as: *annoiare*, to annoy, to bother:

*io annoio*.  
*tu annoi* (and not *annoi*).

*Note.* Those verbs in *iare*, which in the *1st pers. sing.* of the *Pres. Indic.* have the stress on the *i*, as: *spiare*, to spy; *Pres. io spio*, take another *i* in the *2nd pers. sing.*, as each *i* must be distinctly pronounced. Thus: *tu spii*, thou sendest.

3. In the *1st*, *2nd*, and *3rd pers. sing.* and in the *3rd pers. plural*, the majority of the verbs in *ire* must assume the terminations *-isco*, *-isci*, *-isce*, — *iscono*, instead of *o*, *e*, *e* — *ono*, as: *finire*, to end:

<i>finisco</i> , I end.	<i>finiamo</i> .
<i>finisci</i> .	<i>finite</i> .
<i>finisce</i> .	<i>finiscono</i> .

In the *Subjunctive* and *Imperative Mood* a similar alteration takes place, as:

ch'io <i>finisca</i> , that I may end.	che noi <i>finiamo</i> .
che tu <i>finisca</i> .	che voi <i>finite</i> .
ch'egli <i>finisca</i> .	ch'eglino <i>finiscano</i> .

Some verbs have both terminations, as: *io nutro*, I nourish, and *io nutrisco*. (A table of the verbs ending in *o* or *isco* will be found in Lesson 35.)

4. The *1st pers. sing. Imperf. Indic.* sometimes terminates in *avo, evo, ivo*, especially when it is necessary to distinguish the first person from the third, the personal pronoun being understood, as: *amavo, vendevo, sentivo*.

The contracted forms *privo*, bereft, for *privato*; *tocco*, touched, for *toccato* etc. have now become real *adjectives*, but are still met with as participles in poetry.

Further irregularities in the conjugations will be noticed as they occur.

#### Words.

<i>Il próssimo</i> *, the neighbour.	<i>matúro</i> , ripe.
<i>il débito</i> , the debt (money).	<i>véro</i> , true.
<i>la colazione</i> , the breakfast.	<i>capire</i> (-isco), to understand.
<i>la cèna</i> , the supper.	<i>fiorire</i> (-isco), to blossom.
<i>la lezione</i> , the lecture.	<i>arrossire</i> (-isco), to flush.
<i>l'azione</i> , the action.	<i>ubbidire</i> (-isco), to obey.
<i>il cuore</i> , the heart.	<i>preferire</i> (-isco), to prefer.
<i>la virtù</i> , the virtue.	<i>restituire</i> (-isco), to give back.
<i>il vizio</i> , the vice.	<i>riverire</i> (-isco), to make one's
<i>la paglia</i> , the straw.	compliments, greet, bid good
<i>la preghiera</i> , the prayer, re-	bye.
quest.	<i>cercare</i> , to seek.
<i>la scienza</i> , the science.	<i>dimenticare</i> , to forget.
<i>il pericolo</i> , the danger.	<i>pregare</i> , to beg, pray.
<i>il tè</i> , the tea.	<i>al contrario</i> , on the contrary.
<i>la bugia</i> , the lie (fib).	<i>adagio</i> , slowly.
<i>la società</i> , the society.	<i>da parte mia</i> , from my side
<i>le chiacchiere</i> , the prattle.	(part).
<i>la voce</i> , the voice.	<i>frattanto</i> , meanwhile.
<i>il compagno di scuola</i> , the	<i>appena</i> , as soon as.
school-fellow.	<i>già</i> , already.
<i>il calzolaio</i> , the shoemaker.	<i>finiscila una volta</i> , do cease!

#### Reading Exercise. 35.

Preferisce Ella carta bianca o carta rossa? Perchè non paghi i tuoi débiti? Pagherò i miei débiti, appena avrò il mio danaro. Non mancherò di fare (*to do*) il mio dovere. Manca un volume di questa ópera (*work*). Perchè non mangi queste ciriege? Non le mangio, perchè non sono mature.

\*) Liter.: the next.

I libri che tu m'invii non sono quelli che io desidero. Quando scrive a sua sorella, non dimentichi di riverirla da parte mia. Perchè non mi consigli di comprare questo giardino? Perchè non è bello. Capisce (Ella) questa donna? La (*her*) capisco, quando parla adagio. Restituisci il libro al tuo compagno di scuola. Perchè non apparecchi la cena? Non mi (*me*) lascerò muovere (*move*) dalle vostre preghiere. Tutti preferiscono la gioventù alla vecchiaia. Chi non fugge il vizio, non ama la virtù. Molti bei fiori fioriscono nel nostro giardino. Le scienze fiorirono in Italia nel seicento (*17th century*). Ubbidiscono i suoi (*your*) scolari? Il maestro vuole che lo scolare ubbidisca. Di mattina (*in the morning*) preferisco il tè al caffè. Che cosa cerchi? Cerco una matita. Pregherò tuo fratello di mandarmi (*to me*) le commédie di Goldoni. Non dimenticherò di salutare sua madre. La riverisco.

#### Traduzione. 36.

Doest thou prefer this pencil to that pen? On the contrary, I prefer this pen to that pencil. Do (thou) not spy the actions of thy neighbour! These pupils do not obey. The girl blushed. Every man avoids (flies) the danger. Do *you* prefer tea to coffee or coffee to tea? Thou doest not well (*bene*) advise thy friends. Do not forget to (*di*) buy a pocketbook for me (*me*)! Obey the voice (*alla voce*) of thy heart! He who obeys the voice of his heart will always be happy. We are looking [for] Charles's cap and Frederick's hat. Seek and thou wilt find! We should search, if we had a candle. I do not understand these books. Do you understand this word? The lesson ends to-day at 4 o'clock. Have done, or I shall leave the room. These flowers are wont to blossom (blossom usually) three times a (*all'*) year. Thou wilt look for their pens, and thou wilt not find them (*le* precedes the verb). Wilt thou prepare (the) dinner? Doest thou pay (for) these books? Embrace thy father, child! Why do you not give back the book to your fellow-pupil? With your (*tue*) requests (entreaties) you (*tu*) bother your superiors, do cease with them (stop them)! We request you (*la*) to greet our father. Pay the tailor! To-morrow I shall pay the tailor and the shoemaker. I shall soon have the honour to see you (*di vederla*), and in the meanwhile I bid you (*la . . .*) good bye (make you my compliment).

#### Diálogo.

Quale di questi libri preferisce Io preferisco questo.

Ella?

Quando finisce oggi la scuola? Finirà alle quattro.

Pare ( <i>It seems</i> ) che tu ti annoi in questa società.	Mi annoio perchè non capisco l'inglese.
Perchè non mangia Ella queste pere? Non sono buone?	Sono buonissime, ma ho già mangiato abbastanza.
Non apparecchi la tavola pel pranzo?	Ma sì*). L' ( <i>it</i> ) apparecchierò subito.
Che mi ( <i>me</i> ) consigli di fare?	Ti ( <i>thee</i> ) consiglio di restare a casa.
Quando pagherà Ella il conto ( <i>note</i> ) del sarto?	Lo ( <i>it</i> ) pagherò domani.
Perchè non m' ( <i>me</i> ) invii i miei abiti?	Te li ( <i>you them</i> ) invierò la settimana prossima.
Le piace la lingua francese?	Preferisco l'inglese.
Che cosa mangeremo stasera (= questa sera)?	Non so ( <i>know</i> ); credo che avremo la polenta cogli uccellini.
Non vuol (Ella) far colazione ( <i>breakfast</i> ) con noi?	No, grazie! Ho già mangiato.
Non dimentichi di scrivermi!	Non dimenticherò.

## Twenty-second Lesson.

### Pronouns.

Pronouns are used to avoid the repetition of substantives. There are six kinds of them, viz.: 1. the *Personal*; 2. the *Demonstrative*; 3. the *Possessive*; 4. the *Interrogative*; 5. the *Relative* and 6. the *Indefinite*.

### Personal Pronouns.

There are two kinds of Personal Pronouns, viz. *absolute* and *conjunctive*. The latter are only employed in the *dative* and *accusative* case.

A pronoun is considered as *conjunctive* i. e. *coupled* with the verb, when *no stress* is laid on the pronoun and no *preposition precedes*, as in the following example: *give me a book*, where the stress is laid on the word *book* and not on the pronoun *me*, which therefore is considered to be a *conjunctive pronoun*. In the sentence however: *give the book to me and not to my sister*, the

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\*) *Ma si* is often used, as in the above sentence, as a rapid, interrupting affirmation, like the English "directly" etc.

stress is laid on the word *to me*. Therefore *to me* is an *absolute pronoun*\*).

The former of the above sentences is rendered thus:

*Datemi un libro.* (Here the pronoun and verb are even contracted into one word.)

The latter example is translated as follows:

*Date il libro a me e non a mia sorella.*

We begin with the *Absolute Personal Pronouns*.

*First person.*

Sing.	<i>Io</i> , I.	Plur.	<i>noi</i> , we.
	<i>di me</i> , of me.		<i>di noi</i> , of us.
	<i>a me</i> , to me.		<i>a noi</i> , to us, us.
	<i>me</i> , me, myself.		<i>noi</i> , us, ourselves.
	<i>da me</i> , from (by) me.		<i>da noi</i> , from (by) us.

*Second person.*

Sing.	<i>tu</i> , thou.	Plur.	<i>voi</i> , you.
	<i>di te</i> , of thee.		<i>di voi</i> , of you.
	<i>a te</i> , to thee.		<i>a voi</i> , to you.
	<i>te</i> , thee, thyself.		<i>voi</i> , you, yourselves.
	<i>da te</i> , from (by) thee.		<i>da voi</i> , from (by) you.

*Third person.*

*Masculine.*

Sing.	<i>egli</i> ( <i>ei</i> , <i>e'</i> , <i>esso</i> ), he, it.
	<i>di lui</i> ( <i>di esso</i> ), of him, of it.
	<i>a lui</i> ( <i>ad esso</i> ), to him, to it.
	<i>lui</i> ( <i>esso</i> ), him, it.
	<i>da lui</i> ( <i>da esso</i> ), from (by) him, from (by) it.
Plur.	<i>eglino</i> ( <i>essi</i> ), they.
	<i>di loro</i> ( <i>di essi</i> ), of them.
	<i>a loro</i> ( <i>ad essi</i> ), to them.
	<i>loro</i> ( <i>essi</i> ), them.
	<i>da loro</i> ( <i>da essi</i> ), from (by) them.

\*) The reason why the Romance languages have two sorts of personal pronouns is, because those little words like *mi*, *ti*, *si*, *li* etc. (French *je*, *tu*, *me*, *le*, *la* etc.) are not strong enough to bear the stress, when laid on the pronoun. Therefore more sonorous forms must be chosen. As, however, the Italian nominatives *io*, *tu*, *egli*, *ella* etc. are more sonorous than the French *je*, *tu*; *il*, *elle* etc., the Italian language does not want particular forms for the *nominative* case, whereas in French *moi* must be used instead of *je*, and *toi* for *tu* etc. In Italian only the dative and accusative cases have double forms.



## Feminine.

- Sing. *ella*\*) (*lei, essa*), she, it.  
*di lei (di essa)*, of her, of it.  
*a lei (ad essa)*, to her, to it.  
*lei (essa)*, her, it.  
*da lei (da essa)*, from (by) her, from (by) it.
- Plur. *elleno (esse)*, they.  
*di loro (di esse)*, of them.  
*a loro (ad esse)*, to them.  
*loro (esse), da loro (da esse)*, from (by) them.

## For both genders and numbers.

- Nom. — —  
 Gen. *di sè*\*\*), of himself, herself, itself, ~~themselves~~.  
 Dat. *a sè*, to himself, herself, itself, ~~themselves~~.  
 Acc. *sè*, himself, herself, itself, ~~themselves~~.  
 Abl. *da sè*, from (by) himself, herself, itself, ~~themselves~~.

## Observations.

1. *Egli, ella* are applied only to *persons*, — *esso, essa* to persons and to *things*. The English *it*, when referring neither to a person nor to a thing, as: *it is true, it is cold*, is best omitted in Italian. Ex.: *è vero, è (fa) freddo*. "It is I, it is you" must be translated: *sono io, sei tu* etc.

2. Very often the pronouns *io, tu, egli* etc. stand after the verb, when a certain stress is to be laid upon them, as:

*L'hai fatto tu?* Hast thou done it?

*Sì, l'ho fatto io.* Yes, it is *I* that have done it.

3. Instead of *Ella* we sometimes use *lei* or *la*, especially in the familiar style, as:

*Lei or la vuole darmela ad intendere.*

You wish to make me believe that.

4. *I myself, thou thyself, he himself* etc. is translated with *io stesso* for the masc., *io stessa* for the fem. Plural: *noi stessi, noi stesse*, and so on. Instead of *stesso, -a*, we can equally say *medesimo, -a*. Examples: *noi stessi (noi medesimi)*, we ourselves; *Lei stessa*, your yourself, *voi stesse* (fem.), you

\*) The polite mode *Ella (Lei)* is declined exactly like this pronoun and commonly written with a capital letter. The Plural *you* (gentlemen, ladies), is expressed by *Lor (Loro)* with the substantives *Signori, Signore, Signorine*. Ex.: You will be satisfied, ladies! *Lor Signore saranno contente*.

\*\*) The pronoun *sè* is written with an accent in order to distinguish this word from the conjunction *se* (if). When used with *stesso*, self, the accent is omitted.

yourselves. If a stress is laid on the pronoun, e. g.: I have done it myself, it is usually placed after the verb, thus: *l'ho fatto io*.

5. The English, *my own self, your own selves etc.* is always rendered by *io medesimo, voi medesimo* or *io stesso etc.*

### Words.

<i>La calamita</i> , the magnet.	<i>consegnare</i> , to hand, remit.
<i>la palla</i> , the ball (bullet).	<i>pranzare</i> , to dine.
<i>l'egoista</i> , the egoist.	<i>cénare</i> , to sup.
<i>il rumore</i> , the noise.	<i>vado</i> , I go (walk).
<i>la medicina</i> , the medicine.	<i>vai</i> , thou goest.
<i>il piatto</i> , the plate.	<i>va</i> , he goes.
<i>il pianoforte</i> , the piano.	<i>vengo</i> , I come.
<i>il violino</i> , the violin.	<i>vieni</i> , thou comest.
<i>attrarre</i> , to attract.	<i>viene</i> , he comes.
<i>pensare</i> , to think.	<i>vieni!</i> come!
<i>abitare</i> , to dwell, live.	<i>voglio</i> , I will.
<i>giuocare</i> , to play ( <i>alle carte</i> , at cards).	<i>vuoi</i> , thou wilt.
<i>suonare, sonare</i> , to play (musi- cal instr.).	<i>vuole</i> , he will.
<i>somigliare</i> , to resemble.	<i>vuole?</i> will you?
	<i>di rado</i> , rarely, seldom.
	<i>presso di</i> , near.

### Reading Exercise. 37.

Non ho pensato a te, poverino. Penseremo a voi, a lui, a lei, a loro. Non mandare il danaro a me! Chi è stato qui, lui o lei?\*) Vieni con me\*\*), con noi. Egli non somiglia a me. Io somiglio a te. Non parlate di loro! Non parlar di me! Noi parliamo spesso di voi. La calamita attira il ferro a sè. Hai scritto tu questa lettera? Sì, l'ho scritta io. Chi legge questo libro? Io. Hai tu consegnato la lettera a lui o a lei? L'ho (*I have . . . it*) consegnata a lui. Ha pranzato coi suoi genitori? Sì, ho pranzato con loro. Chi cenerà questa sera con noi? Un mio amico. Vuole suonare un poco con me? Sì, io suonerò il pianoforte e lei il violino. Va ella da sua madre? Sì, vado da lei. Vieni tu oggi da noi? No, sono invitato da mio zio e vado da lui. L'egoista non pensa che a se stesso. Ha egli udito il rumore? Sì, l'ha sentito anche lui.

\*) For the sake of *emphasis* the fuller forms *lui* and *lei*, as well as *loro*, are sometimes used as *nom. cases*.

\*\*) Instead of *con me, con te, con sè* we may say *meco, teco, seco*. In poetry the old forms *nosco, vosco* are sometimes found for *con noi, con voi*.

## Traduzione. 38.

My brother and I, [we] have heard the noise. Who will have the ball, thou or he? Frederick, your (*il tuo*) teacher has seen that you (*tu*) have beaten a child. Who? I? Yes, your own self. Is it you that play on the (*il*) piano? Yes, it is I. Who departs to-morrow? I. Are you going (Go you) to your uncle's? Yes, I am going to him. Did you call (Have you called) me or him? I called him (h. c.) because he wished (h. w.) [to] play on the (*il*) violin with me. Why do you so rarely come to us? My mother is unwell since a few days, and for that reason (*perciò*) I remain at home with her. Will you play with me at cards? If you like. Your little brother was in the yard with our little sister; he has played with her at ball for a long time. For whom is this plate? It is for you, if you will sup with us now. My compliments to you and your dear children (I greet you . . . etc.). We often speak (sp. o.) of (*di*) you and your wife. Who comes? Is it you (*tu*), William? Yes, it is I. Have you thought of (*a . . .*) my gloves? Yes, I have thought of them. Is it true that the king has (is) died? I have myself read this news in the papers. He who (Who) is not for me, is against me.

## Diálogo.

Chi ha detto ciò ( <i>so</i> )?	Io — lui — voi.
Chi viene?	Noi.
Pensate voi ai vostri amici?	Pensiamo sovente ad essi.
Per chi è questa medicina?	È per me.
Chi ha portato questo violino?	Mia sorella stessa.
Con chi pranzi oggi?	Con lui e con sua zia.
Che fa la calamita?	Attira il ferro a sè.
Chi ha rotto il tondo?	L'ho rotto io.
Di chi è quel libro?	È mio.
E quei guanti?	Sono suoi ( <i>yours</i> ).
Dove sta (Ella) di casa?	Sto ( <i>I live</i> ) in via Garibaldi, da mio zio.
A chi ha dato il suo ( <i>your</i> ) danaro?	L' ( <i>it</i> ) ho dato a lui ed a lei.
Ha dato a me il suo temperino?	Credo di sì*). ( <i>I think he has.</i> )
È vostra questa carrozza?	No, non è nostra.
Va da sua nonna?	Sì, vado da lei.
Vieni da noi questa sera?	Sì, vengo da voi.
È egli a casa?	No, è uscito.

\*) Liter.: *I believe (of), yes.*

## Twenty-third Lesson.

### Conjunctive Personal Pronouns.

As we mentioned in the foregoing lesson, these Pronouns have only the *dative* and *accusative* cases. They are:

<i>Singular.</i>	<i>Plural.</i>
Dat. <i>mi</i> , me (to me).	<i>ci</i> ( <i>ne</i> ), us (to us).
Acc. <i>mi</i> , me.	<i>ci</i> ( <i>ne</i> ), us.
Dat. <i>ti</i> , thee (to thee).	<i>vi</i> , you (to you).
Acc. <i>ti</i> , thee.	<i>vi</i> , you.
<i>Masculine.</i>	
Dat. <i>gli</i> , him (to him).	<i>loro</i> , them (to them).
Acc. <i>lo</i> ( <i>ù</i> ), him.	<i>li</i> , them.
<i>Feminine.</i>	
Dat. <i>le</i> ( <i>Le</i> ), her (to her); <i>you</i> (to <i>you</i> ).	<i>loro</i> , them (to them).
Acc. <i>la</i> ( <i>La</i> ), her; <i>you</i> .	<i>le</i> , them.

<i>Singular.</i>	<i>Plural.</i>
Dat. <i>si</i> , to himself, to herself etc.	<i>si</i> , to themselves.
Acc. <i>si</i> , himself, herself etc.	<i>si</i> , themselves.

Concerning the construction of these pronouns, the following rules are of the utmost importance:

1. The conjunctive pronouns *precede* the verb in the *Indicative* and *Subjunctive* moods. They likewise precede the *Imperative* mood, when *negatively* employed and in the 3rd persons *Sing.* and *Plural.* Ex.:

*Egli mi dà*, he gives me.  
*io vi vedo*, I see you.  
*tu gli dai*, thou givest him.  
*egli la salutò*, he bowed to her.  
*egli mi ha dato*, he has given me.  
*io vi ho veduti*, I have seen you.  
*tu le hai dato*, thou hast given her.  
*non mi dare*, do not give me.  
*non vi tormentate*, do not torment yourself!  
*mi scriva*, write to me!  
*ch'egli mi ami*, that he may love me.

2. When *two* of these pronouns, one in the *dative* and the other in the *accusative* case, come together in the same sentence, they both *precede* the verb, and the

*dative* is always placed *before* the *accusative*. At the same time the *i* of the pronouns *mi*, *ti*, *ci*, *vi* is changed into *e*, and *gli* introduces an *e* before the *accusative* with which it is always contracted. Thus:

Instead of *mi* — *me lo*, it to me; *me la*, her to me; *me li*, them (*m.*) to me; *me le*, them (*f.*) to me; *me ne*\*), some to me.

" " *ti* — *te lo*, it to thee; *te la*, her to thee; *te li*, them (*m.*) to thee; *te le*, them (*f.*) to thee; *te ne*, some to thee.

" " *ci* — *ce lo*, it to us; *ce la*, her to us; *ce li*, them to us; *ce le*, them to us; *ce ne*, some to us.

" " *vi* — *ve lo*, it to you; *ve la*, her to you; *ve li*, them to you; *ve le*, them to you; *ve ne*, some to you.

" " *gli* — *glielo*, it to him; *gliela*, her to him; *glieli*, them to him; *glièle*, them to him; *gliène*, some to him.

*Note.* For the sake of euphony *le* (*her, fem.*) is not used before *lo*, *la*, *li*, *le*, *ne*; thus when speaking of a female person we should say: *gli*, as: *I give it to her* (to the mother), *io glielo do* (not *le lo*). *Gli* is also employed for the *polite* form *Le*, to you; but then it is usually written with a capital letter, as: *Glielo*, it to you; *Gliela* her to you; *Glieli*, them to you; *Glièle*, them to you; *Gliène*, some to you.

3. The conjunctive personal pronouns *follow* the verb in the *Imperative* (except the negative *Imperative* etc. See 1). In this case they are *contracted* with the verb, and the *Infinitive* drops its final vowel for the sake of euphony. Thus:

*Vedervi*, to see you (for *vedere vi*).

*amarlo*, to love him. — *portarla*, to carry her.

*mostrármelo*, to show it me.

*dárgliene*, to give him (*her, you*) some.

*crédimi*, believe me. — *credéteci*, believe (*you*) us.

*amándomi*, loving me. — *vedéndolo*, seeing him.

*avéndolo veduto*,  
*vedúto*, } having seen him.

*avéndogliene parlato*,  
*(parlátogliene)* } having spoken to him of it.

4. In poetry, when the verb is a *monosyllable* or a *voce tronca*, i. e. a word with the *accento* on the final

\*) The vowel is also changed before *ne*, of it.

vowel (as: *dirà, amò etc.*), the pronouns *lo, la, le etc.* are sometimes coupled with the verb, which then loses the written *accento*. The consonant of the pronoun (except *gli*) is doubled. Ex.:

Instead of *lo farò*, I shall do it — *farollo*.  
 " " *vi dirò*, I shall tell you — *dirovvi*.  
 " " *la amò*, he loved her — *amolla*.  
 " " *si pentirà*, he will repent of . . . — *pentirassi*.  
 " " *ci dà*, he gives us — *dacci*.  
 " " *gli dirà*, he will tell him — *diragli* (not *diraggli*).

5. *Loro* (to them) generally follows the verb, as:  
*Egli ha detto loro*, he has told them.

(Further irregularities will be explained in the Second Part.)

### Words.

<i>Accompagnàre</i> , to accompany.	<i>vedère</i> , to see.
<i>contàre</i> , to count.	<i>a rivederci</i> , I hope to see you again.
<i>imprestàre</i> , to lend.	<i>la stazione</i> , the railway-station.
<i>premiàre</i> to reward.	<i>con tutta stima</i> , respectfully.
<i>lodàre</i> , to praise.	<i>istruttivo</i> , instructive.
<i>mostràre</i> , to show.	<i>volentieri</i> (adv.), willingly (I like to).
<i>domandàre</i> ( <i>una cosa a qualcuno</i> ), to ask (something from some one).	<i>per piacere</i> , please, if you please.
<i>ascoltàre</i> , to listen (to).	<i>il macelláio</i> , the butcher.
<i>tagliàre</i> , to cut.	<i>il fornaio</i> , the baker.
<i>aspettàre</i> , to await.	<i>il vetráio</i> , the glazier.
<i>raccomandàre</i> , to recommend.	<i>il falegnáme</i> , the joiner (table-maker).
<i>onoràre</i> , to honour.	<i>la stória</i> , the history (story).
<i>comunicàre</i> , } to communicate,	<i>nè — nè*</i> , neither — nor.
<i>partecipàre</i> , } impart.	<i>il conto</i> , the bill, account.
<i>dàre</i> , to give.	<i>di certo</i> , certainly.
<i>dà</i> , I give.	<i>stasera</i> ( <i>questa sera</i> ), this evening.
<i>dai</i> , thou givest.	
<i>dà</i> , he gives.	
<i>dà</i> , give (sing.).	
<i>atténto</i> , attentive.	
<i>détto</i> , said, told.	

### Reading Exercise. 39.

Io vi ascolto. Ascoltatemi! Non lo ascoltare! Mostrami per piacere il libro che hai comprato! Mi mostri dove si com-

\*) The words *nessuno, niuno, veruno*, none, no one; *nè — nè*, neither — nor; *nè anche, nè meno, neppure*, nor; *nulla, niente*, nothing, have the negation *non*, when they stand after the verb.

prano i biglietti pel teatro! Alfredo m'ha prestato un libro istruttivo. Mi racconti una storia! Hai contato il denaro che ti fu mandato? Dammi (*Give me*) una penna! Ti darò la mia. Portateci una bottiglia di vino e due bicchieri! Se i ragazzi hanno fame, date loro del pane. Mi dia la sua penna d'acciaio! Gliela darò subito. Egli porta quel bel cappello bianco che gli fu comprato dallo zio. Se desiderate cento franchi, ve li impresterò. Vi raccomando questo sarto; io sono sempre stato contento *del* suo lavoro. Se ella vuole leggere questo giornale, glielo do. Mi onori *d'*una sua visita e le racconterò tutto. Vi comunico che fra pochi giorni avrò il piacere di vedervi in codesta città. Se ha lei\*) il mio libro, la prego di restituirme lo. Hai pagato il macellaio e il fornaio? Non li ho ancora pagati perchè non mi hanno mandato il conto. Scrivimi presto e mandami il tuo ritratto. *Non* incontro mai nè lei, nè sua zia. Pregandoti d'aspettarmi sabato sera alla stazione, ti saluto e sono il tuo amico Giacomo.

#### Traduzione. 40.

Dost thou listen to me (hear me)? I listen to thee (hear thee). I do not listen to you. Wilt thou accompany me? Accompany (2nd pers. Sing.) me! Do (2nd pers. Sing.) not accompany me! Hast thou told him every thing? Thou hast not told (it) him. I have not thy book. Thou wilt not lend it (to) me. Lend (2nd. pers. Sing.) it him! Do not lend it her! Give (2nd pers. Plur.) me 10 bottles of wine and 25 glasses! I have received a fine ring; I shall show it (to) thee. If my friend (*m.*) has this book, I shall ask him for it. I have heard that thy sister has (is) arrived, and [I] come to (*per*) welcome (greet) her. These rings are not dear; I shall buy them. These girls are diligent (industrious) and attentive; their parents praise them and reward them. The joiner has not worked for us this year and (yet) sends us a bill; he is certainly mistaken (*s'inganna certamente*). What [sort of] bread has the baker brought you? He has brought us well-baked bread (*pane ben cotto*). Did you give me 250 marcs? I did not give them to you (see Less. 22, page 90), but to your brother. He had not told (related) this story to you, he has told it to us. He has money, but he lends it neither to me nor to thee. I have the pleasure to impart to you that your friend, [Mr.] Magni, has honoured me with (*di*) his visit. Requesting you (*Gerund.*) to write me soon, I greet you respectfully.

\*) The more expressive form instead of *se Ella ha*.

**Diálogo.**

Chi mi aspetta?	Tuo padre ti aspetta.
Ecco il giornale nuovo, taglialo e léggilo!	Adesso non ho tempo, lo leggerò dopo pranzo.
Chi ti ha detto di leggere questo libro?	Un mio amico me lo ha raccomandato come molto istruttivo.
Conosce lei i miei fratelli?	Sì, li conosco tutti tre, scrivo loro qualche volta.
Avete restituito il denaro al vostro vicino?	Non ancora, ma speriamo poterglielo ( <i>to be able</i> ) restituire fra quindici giorni.
Non avendoci (tu) mai scritto, abbiamo creduto che tu ci avessi dimenticati.	Scusate, ma non ho proprio ( <i>really</i> ) mai trovato il tempo di scrivervi.
Dov' è la stazione?	Eccola lì.
Il denaro fu prestato a te o alla sorella?	Non fu prestato nè a me nè alla sorella.
Quando mi pagherà?	Non posso ancora pagarla, ma la pagherò fra poco ( <i>soon</i> ).
Voglio aver la mia paga ( <i>payment</i> ).	Non posso dárvela adesso, ma ve la darò stasera alle 8.
Il vetraio ed il falegname ti mandano il conto!	Bene, li pagherò oggi tutti e due.

**Reading Exercise.**

**Il soldato valoroso.**

Durante una guerra combattuta ai dì nostri, un soldato nel fervore della mischia si stacca dalla sua compagnia e s'incammina verso un luogo dove non erano combattenti. Il capitano lo vede, e credendo che ei si allontanasse per sottrarsi al pericolo, lo richiama e con piglio severo gli domanda: „Dove andate?“ Quegli mostrándogli una ferita mortale ricevuta allora nel petto, tranquillamente risponde: „Vo di qui poco lontano a morire per la pátria; non voglio che il mio corpo, fatto cadávere, sia d'impaccio ai combattenti.“

**Words.**

<i>Valoroso</i> , brave.	<i>con piglio severo</i> , with a severe countenance.
<i>il fervore</i> , the heat.	<i>la ferita</i> , the wound.
<i>la mischia</i> , the fight, fray.	<i>il petto</i> , the breast.
<i>staccarsi</i> , to stray from, leave.	<i>vo</i> , I go.
<i>incamminarsi</i> , to go, repair to.	<i>lontano</i> , far.
<i>il capitano</i> , the captain. [self.	<i>il corpo</i> , the body.
<i>allontanarsi</i> , to absent one-	<i>il cadavere</i> , the corpse.
<i>sottrarsi</i> , to withdraw from.	<i>l'impaccio</i> , the impediment.
<i>richiamare</i> , to call back.	



## Twenty-fourth Lesson.

### Demonstrative Pronouns.

These pronouns are used to point out the person or thing spoken of, and are declined with *di* (gen.), *a* or *ad* (dat.) and *da* (abl.)

*Questo*, -a, this; Pl. *questi*, -e these, quel, quei.

*quello*, -a, that; Pl. *quelli*, -e, those.

(For the forms *quel*, *quegli*, *quei*, *que'*, see Lesson 13.)

*Cotesto*, f. *cotesta*; Pl. *cotesti*, *coteste*, this, that; Pl. these, those (see Page 49).

*costui*, f. *costei*; Pl. *costoro*, this . . . here etc.

*colui*, f. *c. lei*; Pl. *coloro*, that etc.

*Colui* or *quello* *che* means *he who*; *colei* or *quella* *che*: *she who*; *coloro* or *quelli*, *quelle* *che*: *they who*.

*Ciò* means *that*, in quite a general sense; *ciò che* or *quel che* means *that which*.

*Note.* *What* = that which, should invariably be rendered by *quel* (or *ciò*) *che*, as:

I believe what (= that which) I see.

*Credo quel (ciò) che vedo.*

*Che*, when used without a preceding substantive, is *not* relative but *interrogative* or *exclamative* (see Less. 13, 2).

*Questi* and *quegli*, when used in the *Singular* and *nominative case*, are only employed for *male persons*, as:

*Questi fu felice, quegli sfortunato.*

This one\*) was happy, that one unhappy.

In the other cases *questo* and *quello* should be used as:

*L'ho dato a quello (not quegli).*

I have given it to that (man etc.).

*Costui* and *colui* (this one — that one) are only used of *persons*, sometimes they convey an idea of something despicable, as:

*La gloria di Colui che tutto muove. (Dante.)*

The glory of Him (God) who moves every thing.

*Costoro saranno puniti severamente.*

These (persons) will be severely punished.

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\*) English *one*, when following a demonstrative pronoun, is never translated in Italian.

*Non mi parlate di colei! (Gold.)*

Do not speak to me of that woman!

*Colei ti ha dato uno schiaffo! (G.)*

That base creature has given you a box on the ear!

*Note.* When referring to a preceding substantive in the *genitive* case, *some* or *any* is generally used in English, when in the *dative*, — *there*, and when in the *ablative*, — *from there*, *thereby* etc. In such cases Italians use for the *genitive* and *ablative* *ne*, and for the *dative* *ci* or *vi*\*). Example:

*Ecco del prosciutto; ne volete?*

There is some ham; do you want some?

*Ne prenderò un poco.*

I shall take a little (*ne* not translated).

*Va Ella a casa?*

Are you going home?

*No, ne vengo.*

No (that's where I come from),  
I come from there\*\*).

*È in giardino suo padre?*

Is your father in the garden?

*Sì, vi è.*

Yes, he is there.

*È stata lei a Roma?*

Have you been in Rome?

*No, ma ci andrò quest'anno.*

No, but I shall go there this year.

*NB.* *Ne* and *vi* or *ci* correspond exactly to the French *en* and *y*, and respecting their position, follow the same rules that have been given for the *conjunctive pronouns*.

### *Interrogative Pronouns.*

They are:

1. *Chi*, who? *che*, what?

2. *Quale*, masc. and fem. which?

They are declined as follows:

*Chi*, who?

*di chi*, whose?

*a chi*, to whom?

*chi*, whom?

*da chi*, from (by) whom?

*che*, what?

*di che*, of what?

*a che*, to what?

*che*, what?

*da che*, from (by) what?

*Singular.*

*Plural.*

*Quale*, which?

*di quale*, of which?

*a quale*, which?

*quale*, which?

*da quale*, from (by) which?

*quali*, which?

*di quali*, of which?

*a quali*, to which?

*quali*, which?

*da quali*, from (by) which?

\*) *Ci* and *vi* are, for the sake of euphony, changed into *ce* and *ve*, when followed by one of the pronouns *lo*, *la*, *li*, *le*, *ne* etc.

\*\*) It may be stated at once, that the English way of an-

*Chi* is used of *persons*, *che* of things. *Di chi*, when used with the auxiliary verb *essere*, implies possession and corresponds to the English expressions: *whose . . . is?* or *to whom belongs?*

The pupil should be careful not to use *chi* for *che*. *Chi* is *only* interrogative, and expressions such as *l'uomo chi*, . . . , *la donna chi* . . . are incorrect.

*Chi* is frequently used for *quello* or *colui che*. Ex.:

*Rimettétevi a chi intende la cosa.* (Mánzoni.)

Depend upon *him who* understands the matter.

*Come fa chi par che aspetti.* (M.)

As he (a man etc.) does who seems to wait.

*Con l'atto minaccioso di chi coglie un suo inferiore . . .* (M.)

With the threatening mien of him who finds an inferior . . .

*Tutt' e due si volsero a chi ne sapeva più di loro.* (M.)

Both applied to him who knew the matter better than they.

Instead of *che*? we also say very often in Italian *che cosa?* (liter.: *which thing?*) or simply *cosa?* This latter mode, however, though very frequent in colloquial language, is not to be recommended.

*Che* serves for both genders and numbers, and is often used for *quale*. Ex.:

*Di che città è (Ella)?* From which town are you?

*Quale* asks for a certain person or thing among others of the same kind. Ex.:

*Quale di questi libri comprerà?*

Which of these books will you buy?

### Words.

<i>La bellezza</i> ( <i>beltà</i> ), the beauty.	<i>assassináto</i> , murdered.
<i>L'albicocca</i> , the apricot.	<i>la náscita</i> , the birth.
<i>il córpo</i> , the body.	<i>náque</i> , was born.
<i>la cólpa</i> , the guilt.	<i>arrestáre</i> , to arrest.
<i>il ládro</i> , the thief.	<i>fermáre</i> , to stop, to stay.
<i>la ricompénsa</i> , }	<i>denunciáre</i> , to denounce.
<i>(il guiderdóne)</i> } the reward.	<i>operáre</i> , to act, to do.
<i>la nobiltà</i> , the nobility.	<i>rubáre</i> , to steal, to rob. [ly.
<i>arricchire</i> ( <i>-isco</i> ), to enrich.	<i>egualménte</i> , (adv.) equal, equal-
<i>nutrire</i> , to feed.	<i>l'agricoltúra f.</i> , the agriculture.
<i>il comércio</i> , the commerce.	<i>il conquistatóre</i> , the conqueror.

swering simply with: *yes, I do*, or: *no, I do not*, is by no means admissible in Italian.

<i>il (tréno) dirétto</i> , the express train.	<i>il tesóro</i> , the treasure.
<i>prométte</i> , promises.	<i>prima</i> , (adv.) first, earlier.
	<i>non so</i> , I don't know.
	<i>ierséra</i> , last night.

## Reading Exercise. 41.

Ecco il mio portafogli e quello di mio padre. Abbiamo incontrato ierséra la sua famiglia e quella del suo vicino. Che libri volete? Voglio questi, non quelli\*). Ecco tre uccelli; quale vuole (Ella) comprare? Ne comprerò due. Che frutti sono questi? Sono mele, pere ed albicocche. Va oggi al teatro? No, non vi andrò (*shall go*); non sto (*I am*) bene. La storia loda coloro che hanno fatto del bene all'umanità. Di che si nutrono questi uccelli? Si nutrono d'insetti. Che cosa vuole costui? Non capisco quel che dice (*he says*), non parla italiano. Chi è costei? E la serva di nostra zia. A che pensate, buona donna? Ai miei figli. Chi trova un amico, trova un tesoro. Di chi era prima questo palazzo? Del conte Negri. Giulio Cesare e Alessandro Magno (*the Great*) furono grandi conquistatori; questi morì giovine, quegli fu assassinato. Quali dei suoi cavalli venderà? Venderò quei due che ho comprati due anni fa. Di che paese è (Ella)? Sono Tedesco. In che città d'Italia ti fermerai di più (*the longest*)? A Firenze, perchè là ho dei parenti. In quali stazioni si ferma il diretto? Non so precisamente (*precisely*), ma si ferma in pochissime stazioni.

## Traduzione. 42.

I am selling my house and that of my cousin. He who is diligent, will get (*avere*) a book. He who is in good health (*in buona salute*), is happy. This ink is blacker than that. These gloves are white, those are yellow. At what o'clock does the express train arrive? At 10 o'clock in the night. Answer him who calls! Who has stopped the horse? He spoke with the mien (*il fare*) of him who is accustomed to (*a*) command. I shall give (*darò*) this watch to him who pays for (*pagare*) it directly. Are these your boots? No, these are not my boots. Whose are they? They are my brother's. With ~~the~~ what train did you arrive? With (*by*) the eight o'clock-train. I prefer the beauty of the soul to that of the body. The king promises a reward to him who will denounce the thief. (The) agriculture and (the) commerce are equally useful to (the) man; the former (*quella*) nourishes us, the latter (*questo*) enriches us. Dante and Tasso are the greatest Italian poets; the latter (this one) was born in Sorrento, the former

\*) At the *end* of the sentence, before *che* and before a semicolon or colon, we use the older form *quelli*.

(that one) in Florence. If you have some good wine, bring me a bottle [of it]! Have you any butter? Yes, I have some. Pray, give me (*me ne dia*) a little (*un poco*)! Have you thought of my gloves? Yes, I have thought of them. Were you at the theatre yesterday? Yes, I was there. Are you coming from town? Yes, I am coming from there.

### Diálogo.

Che libro è questo?	Sono le poesie del Leopardi.
In quale di questi due alberghi ha abitato?	In quello presso ( <i>near</i> ) alla stazione.
Che chiesa è questa?	È la chiesa di Sant' Antonio.
Conosci tu quello che ha fermato il cavallo?	No, non lo conosco.
Sono questi i suoi guanti?	No, questi non sono i miei, sono quelli di mia cugina.
Ha (Ella) ricevuto la mia lettera?	Non ho ricevuto nè la di Lei lettera, nè quella die suo padre.
Chi è costui?	È il servo del principe.
E costei?	È la nostra serva.
Che cosa hai sentito di mio fratello?	Ti racconterò stasera tutto ciò che ho sentito di lui.
Che promette Cristo a chi opera bene in questo mondo?	Gli promette il cielo.
Siete stati iersera al giardino pubblico ( <i>public garden</i> )?	No, non ci siamo stati, eravamo a un ballo.
Ecco ancora del prosciutto e del pane; ne vuole (Ella)?	No, grazie, ne ho già mangiato abbastanza.
Avete portato le bottiglie?	Mi scusi, non ci ho pensato.
È a casa suo padre?	No, non c'è; è andato in città.

## Twenty-fifth Lesson.

### Possessive Pronouns.

These pronouns do not differ from the Possessive adjectives (see Lesson 14). They are *never* used with a substantive.

Singular.		Plural.	
Masc.	Fem.	Masc.	Fem.
<i>Il mio,</i>	<i>la mia,</i>	<i>i miei,</i>	<i>le mie,</i> mine.
<i>il tuo</i>	<i>la tua,</i>	<i>i tuoi,</i>	<i>le tue,</i> thine.
<i>il suo</i>	<i>la sua,</i>	<i>i suoi,</i>	<i>le sue,</i> his, hers ( <i>yours</i> ).
<i>il nostro,</i>	<i>la nostra,</i>	<i>i nostri,</i>	<i>le nostre,</i> ours.
<i>il vostro,</i>	<i>la vostra,</i>	<i>i vostri,</i>	<i>le vostre,</i> yours.
<i>il loro,</i>	<i>la loro,</i>	<i>i loro,</i>	<i>le loro,</i> theirs.

## Remarks.

1. The learner should remember that *loro* is invariable.
2. When speaking of a part of the body, Italians never make use of a *possessive pronoun*, as:  
*Mi duole il capo*, I have a head-ache, *my* head aches.  
*Egli si è rotto il braccio*, he has broken *his* (own) arm.

## Relative Pronouns.

These pronouns have some resemblance with the *Interrogative pronouns* from which they should be carefully distinguished. They are:

*Singular.*

## Masc. and Fem.

*Che*, who, which.  
*di cui, cui*, whose.  
*a cui, cui*, to whom.  
*che, cui*, whom, which.  
*da cui*, from (by) whom, from (by) which.

## Neuter (for something undefined.)

*Che (il che)*, what.  
*di che*, of what, whereof.  
*a che*, to what.  
*che*, what.  
*dal che*\*), from (by) what.

*Plural.*

## Masc. and Fem.

*Che*, which.  
*di cui, cui*, of which, whereof.  
*a cui, cui*, to which.  
*che, cui*, which.  
*da cui*, from (by) which.

## Observations.

1. *Che* is more frequent than *il (la) quale*, and is employed for both genders and numbers, as: *il padre che . . .*, *la madre che . . .*, *il libro che . . .*
2. *Il che* is used instead of *che*, when relating to the whole of the foregoing sentence, as:

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\*) *Da che* (better *dacchè*) means *since*, but the ablative case is always *dal che* or *dalla qual cosa*, by which (thing), whereby.

*Mio padre mi richiama, il che mi obbliga a partire.*

My father calls me back, *therefore*\*) I am obliged to depart.

3. *Cui* is generally used of persons, has no nominative case and generally takes its place before the noun. The prepositions *di* and *a* may be omitted before *cui*, as:

*Il cui* (for *il di cui*) *amico*, whose friend.

4. In English the relative pronoun is often omitted after the noun. In Italian it should always be expressed. Ex.:

*La lettera che avete scritta*, the letter you have written.

*Il ragazzo ch'io ho veduto*, the boy I have seen.

#### Singular.

##### Masc.

*Il quale*, that, who, which.

*del quale*, of that, whose, of which.

*al quale*, to that, to whom, to which.

*il quale*, that, whom, which.

*dai quale*, from (by) that, whom, which.

##### Fem.

<i>La quale</i>	}	like the Masculine.
<i>della quale</i>		
<i>alla quale</i>		
<i>la quale</i>		
<i>dalla quale</i>		

#### Plural.

##### Masc.

<i>I quali</i>	}	like the Singular.
<i>dei quali</i>		
<i>ai quali</i>		
<i>i quali</i>		
<i>dai quali</i>		

##### Fem.

<i>Le quali</i>	}	like the Singular.
<i>delle quali</i>		
<i>alle quali</i>		
<i>le quali</i>		
<i>dalle quali</i>		

#### Notes.

1. *Il quale* combines with the foregoing idea a new one of *equal weight*, whereas *che* only continues the thought with the addition of an idea of *secondary* importance, thus:

*La lettera che vi ho scritta, non è arrivata.*

The letter, I wrote you, has not arrived.

*Gli uomini, i quali dubitano di tutto, sono infelici.*

Those who doubt everything, are unhappy.

\*) Liter.: *which* obliges me to depart. — In ancient writers *lo che* (*locchè*) occurs instead of *il che*.

2. *Quale* is sometimes employed for *come* (as). Ex.:

*L'imperatore di Germania qual re di Prussia.*

The emperor of Germany, as king of Prussia.

3. *Tale quale*, Plur. *tali quali* means *such as*. Ex.:

*Tale quale mi vede*, such as you see me.

4. When repeated, *quale* means *the one — the other*, as:

*Quale è buono, quale è cattivo.*

The one is good, the other is bad.

*Note.* The pupil should bear in mind that *quale* with the article is *never* interrogative in Italian. Therefore he ought not to say, as in French: *il quale volete* (lequel voulez-vous)? but only: *quale volete*?

### Words.

<i>L'aggradevolèzza</i> , the amenity,	<i>castigare</i> , to chastise.
sweetness.	<i>alloggiare</i> , } to live, to reside.
<i>la proprietà</i> , the propriety.	<i>abitare</i> , }
<i>il popolo</i> , the people.	<i>vantare</i> , to extol, to boast of.
<i>il male</i> , the disease.	<i>fertilizzare</i> , to fertilize.
<i>la guarigione</i> , the recovery.	<i>stracciare</i> , to fear.
<i>l'ammiraglio</i> , the admiral.	<i>la ferrovia</i> , } the rail-
<i>il battello a vapore</i> , } the stea-	<i>la strada ferrata</i> , } road.
<i>il pirascabo</i> , } mer.	<i>la corona</i> , the crown.
<i>il proprietario</i> , the proprietor.	<i>guadagnare</i> , to win, to gain.
<i>il possessore</i> , the possessor.	<i>meritare</i> , to merit.
<i>l'eroe</i> , the hero.	<i>riportare</i> , to gain (a victory).
<i>i costumi</i> , the customs.	<i>antico</i> , antique (ancient).
<i>la scusa</i> , the excuse.	<i>scorso</i> , last.
<i>il bagno</i> , the bath.	<i>promesso</i> , promised.
<i>lontano</i> , far.	<i>soggetto</i> , subject.
<i>il fiume</i> , the river.	<i>fra poco</i> , soon.
<i>la sponda</i> , the bank (of a river).	<i>in (a) casa</i> , at home.

### Reading Exercise. 43.

Il mio giardino è tanto grande quanto il tuo. Le sue rose sono bellissime, ma sono meno belle delle mie. I nostri amici sono tanto fedeli quanto i loro. Ecco i miei libri ed i suoi; dove sono i vostri? Ogni fiore ha la sua proprietà; la viola ha le sue, i garofani hanno le loro. È dovere d'ogni padre di castigare i propri\*) figli, quando lo meritano. Tutti i popoli vantano i loro eroi, e anche noi vantiamo i nostri. Il giovanotto (*from* giovane) col quale siete arrivato la settimana scorsa, è morto questa notte. Il ragazzo, il cui padre è partito ieri per l'Italia, dimora adesso da noi. I costumi dei

\*) His own children.



pópoli antichi érano molfo differenti dai nostri. La città ha le sue aggradevolezze, ma anche la campagna ha le sue. Il mercante che avete veduto ieri in casa mia, e da cui alloggia il mio amico B., partirà fra poco per Parigi. Ecco la casa della quale abbiamo parlato. La signora di cui le ho raccomandato il figlio, è una parente di mia moglie. Quest'uomo è tale quale me l'avete dipinto (*described*). L'imperatore d'Austria, qual re d'Ungheria (*Hungaria*), è possessore della corona di Santo Stéfano.

#### Traduzione. 44.

I find your garden very small. I beg your pardon (from *scusare*), Sir, it is not smaller than yours, it is quite as large as that of my cousin. Where are my flowers? (The) mine are here, but I do not know, where yours are. The English admiral who has gained this victory, is Nelson. The baths by means of which he expects to recover, are far from here. The dinner to which I was invited, made me sick (*mi ha fatto male*). You have lost all (that) you had won. I shall send you the papers (which) I promised to (*di*) show you. The river whose waters fertilize Egypt (*l'Egitto*), is called (*chiamasi*) the Nile (*Nilo*). This is a disease to which I am subject. The proprietors of the hotels, in which we have been, were Germans. Whose hat is that? Is [it] yours or that of your friend? It is my friend's. Miss Bianchi, of (*Genit.*) whom there is now much talk (one talks much) in the newspapers, will sing in our theatre one of these days. I have brought the history of those ancient nations of which our teacher has been speaking (has spoken). Our aunts arrived yesterday; (the) mine came (*venne*) with the steamboat, (the) yours with the railway.

#### Diálogo.

Trova (Ella) il mio giardino più grande del Suo?	Al contrario, lo trovo più piccolo del mio.
Come si chiama quell'ammiraglio inglese, che ha riportato la vittoria di Trafalgar?	Fu Nelson, il famosissimo ammiraglio inglese.
Quanto ha pagato pei miei libri?	Pei Suoi ho pagato quindici lire.
Avete incontrato le vostre sorelle?	Abbiamo incontrato le nostre e le vostre.
Chi è il proprietario di questa casa?	Quel signore con cui abbiamo parlato poco tempo fa.
Dove si trova il bagno del quale parlate?	Nella Selva Nera ( <i>Black Forest</i> ).

Come si chiama quel fiume sulle cui sponde sorge ( <i>lies</i> ) Firenze?	Si chiama Arno.
Ecco due piróscafi; con quale partiremo?	Partiremo col più grande, che è anche più comodo.
Hai trovato ancora tutte le tue carte?	Le ho trovate tutte e tali quali le aveva lasciate.

### Reading Exercise.

#### L'O di Giotto.

Giotto fu celebre pittore e architetto del secolo decimo quarto e già scolaro di Cimabúe il restauratore della pittura in Italia. Volendo il papa in quei tempi far dipingere la chiesa di San Pietro a Roma, mandò in tutte le principali città d'Italia dei cortigiani che raccogliessero dei saggi dei migliori pittori del suo tempo per poi affidare questo lavoro a colui che mostrasse maggiori meriti. I cortigiani, arrivati a Firenze, entrarono anche da Giotto che era già celebre per aver dipinto in diverse città d'Italia e gli espósero la mente del sommo pontéfice. Giotto, dato di piglio a un pennello, descrisse a mano libera su un foglio un O perfetto e lo diede ai legati dicendo: ecco quello che posso darvi, portatelo al santo padre. I cortigiani recarono cogli altri modelli anche questo O al papa e avendo essi riferito come Giotto l'avesse segnato senza compasso, venne giudicato come un saggio di grande valentía e Giotto fu chiamato a dipingere in San Pietro. Da questo fatto derivò il proverbio: *Tu sei più tondo dell'O di Giotto* che è quanto dire: sei di corta intelligenza.

#### Words.

<i>Dipingere</i> , to paint.	<i>diede</i> (from <i>dare</i> ), gave.}
<i>cortigiano</i> , the courtier.	<i>legato</i> , ambassador.
<i>raccogliere</i> , to collect.	<i>dicendo</i> , saying.
<i>saggio</i> , the proof.	<i>recare</i> , to bring.
<i>poi</i> , afterwards.	<i>modello</i> , model.
<i>affidare</i> , to confide.	<i>riferire</i> , to relate, report.
<i>lavoro</i> , labour, work.	<i>segnare</i> , to draw.
<i>esposero</i> (from <i>esporre</i> ), ex- plained.	<i>compasso</i> , compasses (Pl.).
<i>mente</i> , mind, design.	<i>venne</i> , became, was.
<i>pontefice</i> , pontiff, pope.	<i>giudicare</i> , to judge.
<i>dare di piglio</i> , to seize.	<i>valentia</i> , cleverness, ableness.
<i>pennello</i> , brush.	<i>fatto</i> , fact.
<i>descrisse</i> (from <i>descrivere</i> ), to describe, draw.	<i>derivare</i> , to derive.
	<i>proverbo</i> , proverb.
	<i>tondo</i> , round, stupid.
	<i>intelligenza</i> , intelligence.

## Twenty-sixth Lesson.

### Indefinite Pronouns.

They are used *without* substantives, whereas the *Indefinite Numerals* (see Lesson 17) are always employed *with* a substantive.

*Altri* (masc. Sing.), another.

*altrui* (without nom.), other's; other people's.

*altro*, something else.

*altra* (fem.), another one.

*niènte*, } nothing. (Requires *non* before the verb.)  
*nulla*, }

*l'un l'altro*, fem. *l'una l'altra*,

Pl. *gli uni gli altri*; fem. *le une le altre*, } one another.

*l'uno (-a) e l'altro (-a)*,

Pl. *gli uni (le une) e gli altri (le altre)*, } both.

*tutto*, f. *tutta*, }

*tutti*, f. *tutte*, } all.

*nessuno*, -a, the same.

*ognuno*, -a, every one.

*chiunque*, whosoever.

*chiocchessia*,

(*chi che si sia*), } whosoever (mostly with. *conj.*).

*qualcuno*, -a,

*qualcheduno*, -a, } some one, somebody.

*certuno*, -a, any one, certain.

*uno*, somebody.

### Observations.

1) *Altri* — *altri* means *the one — the other*, in a general sense (like *quale — quale*), as: *altri è buono, altri è cattivo*, the one is good, the other is bad. In colloquial language however *l'uno . . . l'altro* are to be preferred. — Almost the same meaning has *chi — chi* — or *questi — quegli*, as: *chi è dotto, chi è ignorante*, the one is a learned man, the other is ignorant.

2) *Altrui* has no nominative.

Gen. *d'altrui*, other people's.

Dat. *ad altrui*, to other people.

Abl. *da altrui*, from (by) other people.

Sometimes, the preposition before *altrui* may be dispensed with, as: *quel che si deve altrui*, what one owes to other people. *L'altrui* (with the article) means: other people's own.

3) *Certuno* is but the inversion of *un certo*, a certain, and therefore *never* takes the article.

4) *Nulla* like *niente* are sometimes real substantives, as:

*Vergogna e dovere sono un nulla per lui.* (M.)

Shame and duty are as nothing to him.

#### Words.

<i>Il birbante</i> , the rascal.	<i>aiutare</i> , (acc.) to aid, to help.
<i>il guastamestieri</i> , the price-spoiler.	<i>conoscere</i> , to know.
<i>la sorte</i> , the fate.	<i>proteggere</i> , to protect.
<i>l'opinione</i> , the opinion.	<i>biasimare</i> , to blame.
<i>il camerata</i> , the comrade.	<i>guastare</i> , to spoil.
<i>il lavoro</i> , the labour, work.	<i>guasto</i> , (agg.) spoiled.
<i>la fiducia</i> , the confidence.	<i>entrare</i> , to enter.
<i>il principe</i> , the prince.	<i>allégre</i> , pleased, merry.
<i>il principio</i> , the principle, beginning.	<i>di cuore</i> , from one's heart.
<i>venuto</i> , come, arrived.	<i>la ragione</i> , the reason.
<i>secondo</i> , after, according to.	<i>aver ragione</i> , to be right.
<i>geloso</i> (di), jealous.	<i>aver torto</i> , to be wrong.
<i>la gelosia</i> , the jealousy.	<i>la gente</i> , (f.) people; (Pl.) <i>le genti</i> , the nations, (id.) soldiers ( <i>poet.</i> ).
<i>ballare</i> , to dance.	<i>la roba</i> , goods, possessions.
<i>fumare</i> , to smoke.	<i>per</i> , to, for.

#### Reading Exercise. 45.

Non fare (*do not*) ad altri quel che non vuoi che altri faccia (*should do*) a te! Non rubare la roba altrui (*thou shalt not steal*). Ieri siamo stati invitati in casa della signora Romani; alcuni hanno ballato, altri hanno suonato, tutti sono stati allegri. Ognuno vuole aver ragione, nessuno vuole aver torto. Taluni credono che il mondo finirà presto. Se conoscessi qualcuno in questa città, ci resterei alcuni giorni, ma non sconosco nessuno. Avete mangiato qualche cosa? Non ho mangiato niente. Che cosa desidera? Nulla. Chiunque non ubbidisce, sarà castigato. Questi amici si\*) amano di cuore e si\*) aiutano ~~gli uni gli altri~~. Questa povera gente ha perduto tutto in un incendio. Ciascuno opera secondo i suoi principii e le sue opinioni. Chiunque vi protegga, non temo di dirvi che siete un birbante. È stato qui uno a domandar di voi. Chiunque desidera parlare con me, venga a casa mia a mezzogiorno.

#### Traduzione. 46.

One calls (*chiamare*) him a price-spoiler who ruins the business (affairs) of others. In (*in*) this world the one is rich, the other poor, and nobody is contented with (*di*) his own

\*) The reflective pronoun must never be omitted in phrases, in which *gli uni*, *gli altri* occurs.

fate. Do you know nobody in this city? No, I know nobody. Why are you jealous of each other? True (with article) friends love and help each other. Has somebody been here (*qui*)? No, nobody has (is) come. Many [persons], from (*per*) jealousy, blame the works of other people. Have these poor people got something to (*da*) eat? No, they have not yet got any thing. It is [a] pity that you do not help (*Conj.*) each other; you will lose everything. Many [persons] had sold all their goods (things). This night I saw (have seen) some one go into the church. None is without faults. Lend me one of the pens; (the) mine are all spoiled. All men are subject to death. I greet all [of them] from [my] heart (heartily).

### Diálogo.

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|---|--|
| Chi ha detto ciò?                             | Tutti lo hanno detto.                                      |
| Chi di queste ragazze vuol aver questa carta? | Tutte la vogliono.   |
| Hai veduto qualcheduno in questo giardino?    | No, non ci ho veduto nessuno.                              |
| Che cosa c'è di nuovo?                        | Non so nulla.  |
| Vuole mangiare qualche cosa?                  | No, la ringrazio; non voglio niente.                       |
| C'è qualcuno che conosce questa gente?        | No, nessuno la conosce.                                    |
| Di che cosa avete parlato in tutta la sera?   | Ci siamo raccontato i nostri affari e i nostri fastidi.    |
| Che avete fatto in casa del signor Magni?     | Gli uni hanno ballato, gli altri hanno fumato.             |
| Con chi è venuta?                             | Con nessuno.   |
| Qualcuno ha guastato le mie penne!            | Le tue penne erano già guaste, quando sei venuto a scuola. |
| Hai tutte le carte?                           | Non ne ho alcuna.  |
| Come erano i principi?                        | Erano gelosi gli uni degli altri.                          |
| È venuto qualcuno?                            | Sì, è stato qui uno per parlar con voi.                    |
| Avete altre penne?                            | No, non ne abbiamo altre.                                  |
| Ha (Ella) incontrato qualcheduno?             | Non ho incontrato nessuno.                                 |

## Twenty-seventh Lesson.

### The Passive Voice.

The passive voice is formed in Italian by means of the Auxiliary *essere* to be, with the *past participle*

of the *active* verb, as: *lodare*, to praise; *essere lodato*, -a; Pl. *lodati*, -e, to be praised.

*Rule.* The past participle, when employed with the verb *essere*, is always considered as an *adjective*, and must, therefore, agree in *gender* and *number* with the *noun* or *pronoun* to which it refers. Thus a *man* says: *io sono lodato*, I am praised; several men: *noi siamo lodati*, we are praised. A *woman* says: *io sono lodata*; several women: *noi siamo lodate*.

*Note.* Instead of *essere* the Passive voice may also be formed with *venire*, to come, and occasionally with *andare*, to go; *restare*, to rest; *rimanere*, to remain; *stare*, to stand.

*Venire*, the most important of these verbs, is often used, when the action is represented as *momentary*, whilst *essere* denotes a *lasting* state, thus:

*L'uscio è chiuso*, the door is shut (i. e. not open).

*L'uscio vien chiuso*, they are shutting the door (just now).

### Infinitive.

**Essere lodato, -a, Pl. -i, -e, to be praised.**

#### *Present.*

*Io sono lodato, -a*, I am praised.

*tu sei lodato, -a*, thou art praised.

*egli è lodato*, he is praised.

*ella è lodata*, she is praised

etc.

etc.

#### *Imperfect.*

*Io era lodato, -a*, I was praised.

#### *Preterite.*

*Io fui lodato, -a*, I was praised.

#### *1st Future.*

*Io sarò lodato, -a*, I shall be praised.

### Conditional.

#### *Present.*

*Io sarei lodato, -a*, I should be praised.

### Imperative.

*Sii lodato, -a*, be (thou) praised.

*Non essere lodato, -a*, be (thou) not praised.

*Sia lodato, -a*, be (you, he, she) praised.

*Siamo lodati, -e, let us be praised.*

*Siate lodati, -e, be (you) praised.*

*Siano lodati, -e, be (you, they) praised.*

### Subjunctive.

#### *Present.*

*Ch'io sia lodato, -a, that I be praised.*

#### *Imperfect.*

*S'io fossi lodato, -a, if I were praised.*

### Participle.

Does not exist.

### Gerund.

Sing. *Essendo lodato, -a,*  } being praised.  
Plur. *Essendo lodati, -e,*  }

### Compound Tenses.

#### *Perfect.*

Sing. *Essere stato, -a, lodato, -a,*  } to have been praised.  
Plur. *Essere stati, -e, lodati, -e,*  }

### Indicative.

#### *Perfect.*

*Io sono*  { *stato lodato,*  } I have been praised.  
                  { *stata lodata,*  }

#### *1st Pluperfect.*

*Io era*  { *stato lodato,*  } I had been praised.  
                  { *stata lodata,*  }

#### *2nd Pluperfect.*

*Io fui stato lodato, I had been praised.*

#### *2nd Future.*

*Io sarò stato lodato, I shall have been praised.*

### Conditional.

#### *Perfect.*

*Io sarei stato lodato, I should have been praised.*

### Subjunctive.

#### *Perfect.*

*Ch'io sia stato lodato, that I have been praised.*

#### *Pluperfect.*

*S'io fossi stato lodato, if I had been praised.*

## Gerund.

Sing. <i>Essendo</i>	{ <i>stato lodato,</i> <i>stata lodata,</i>	} having been praised.
Plur. <i>Essendo</i>	{ <i>stati lodati,</i> <i>state lodate,</i>	

## Remarks.

1. It is a peculiarity of the Italian language, that the Passive voice may also be expressed by the *active form* with the pronoun *si*. Thus instead of:

*Quella casa è veduta*, that house is seen, we can also say:  
*Si vede quella casa*, literally: *that house sees itself*.

This strange form (only admissible, however, when the nominative is not a substantive implying either *a person* or *a personal pronoun*) has induced many grammarians to consider the pronoun *si* as a *nominative*, like the French *on*, or the German *man*, whilst in reality it is simply an *accusative*, governed by the *reflective verb*, as will be seen by the following examples:

Sing. *Come è pronunciata questa parola?* } How is this word

Reflect. *Come si pronunzia questa parola?* } pronounced?

Plur. *Come sono pronunziate queste parole?* } How are these

Reflect. *Come si pronunziano queste parole?* } words pron.?

In English such phrases are rendered by: *people, we, you, they, one* etc. or by the *Passive voice*, as:

*Si dice*, people say, one says, it is said.

*Mi si dà del danaro*, they give me some money, some money is given to me.

*Non si vede nulla*, you see nothing, nothing is to be seen.

*Si leggono le gazzette*, you read the newspapers.

*Si vedono molte cose*, many things are seen, one sees many things.

But whenever the use of the reflective form might seem to make the meaning ambiguous, as in the sentence: *one loves the children*, — reflect. form: *I figli si amano* = *the children love themselves*, the Passive voice is preferred:

*I figli sono amati*.

Yet there are also expressions found after the English or Latin fashion, as:

*Dicono che avremo la guerra*, they say that we shall have war.

*Mi danno del danaro*, they give me money.

*Raccóntano che il re voglia abdicare*, they say that the king will abdicate.



2. The construction with *si* is also frequently *impersonal* as: *si dice*, one says; *si balla*, one dances, they (people etc.) are dancing, where no substantive follows. In this case *si* is used with the *Singular* of the verb, as in the preceding examples. But as soon as an *accusative* follows, as in the phrase: one hears disagreeable news, the verb should be *Plural*: *si sentono nuove disaggradevoli*.

Nevertheless a *Plural* of the person or thing with the *Singular* of the verb is not totally excluded, as in the following sentences:

*Quando si è costretti.* (Cantù.)

If one is obliged.\*)

~~*Di tali tristi falò se ne faceva di continuo.* (M.)~~

They made continually such sad piles.

3. *Si* must never be used with a *reflective* verb, as: one love *oneself*. In such a case another mode of expression should be chosen, by putting a convenient *nominative* to the verb. Such nominatives are: *noi*, *voi*, *uno*, *ci*, *alcuno*, *altri*, *gli uomini* etc. Thus the above sentence would be:

*Uno si ama* (as in English), or:

*Noi ci amiamo*, we love ourselves.

*Voi vi amate*, you love yourselves.

*Taluno si ama*, many a man loves himself.

*Ci s'inganna*, one is cheated.

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\*) This anomaly also occurs in French. The Italians, wanting an indefinite pronoun like the French *on* or the German *man*, sometimes try to supply it by using erroneously *lo* as a *nominative*. Thus you may hear: *lo si dice* or *se lo dice*, one says so (it), which properly signifies: *he* or *she* (the nom. *egli* or *ella* being omitted) *says it to himself* or *to herself*, but by no means: *one says so*, as *lo* cannot be considered as a nominative. Such phrases belong properly to the dialects, which greatly predominate in Italy, even in good society, and in dialects *lo* is indeed frequently met with as a nominative, as in the following Venitian sentence (Goldoni, *Famigl. dell'Antig.* Act. 1, Sc. 19): *Vostro marito come ve tratelo* = *Come vostro marito vi tratta egli*, how does your husband treat you? — Besides, the ear is misled by the seeming analogy with *la* (for *ella*), which is very often used as a nom., as: *la* (i. e. *cosa*) *è così*, so it is; *la s'intende*, of course (lit. it understands itself). But here *la* is elliptical for *la cosa*, and therefore the expression is perfectly correct. A proof, that the Italians feel the want of an indefinite pronoun, is seen by examples like the following: *l'uom si cinge* (Tasso), one girds oneself, where the subst. *uomo* is used for the French *on* (anc. French *hom* = [Lat.] *homo*, man). Yet such examples are very rare.

*Si s'inganna*, would be highly improper, there being two accusative cases but no nomin. in the sentence.\*)

4. The *Passive voice* should be used, if in English a *personal* pronoun in the *accus.* is used with the verb, as in the phrase: *one loves him (her)*. Thus:

*Egli è (or viene) amato.*

*Lo si (or se lo) ama* would be incorrect, as there would be two accus. and no nominative.

5. The compound tenses of these verbs with *si* are formed with the auxiliary verb *essere* and not with *avere*, as:

*Questo si è detto*, this has been said.

*Se si fossero lette le lettere*, if the letters had been read.

*Si sono sentite molte campane*, many bells have been heard.

*Note.* The Italians avoid joining a dative with *si*, as: *questo mi si è detto*, *lit.* that has been told me; they prefer the *Passive voice*, thus:

*Questo mi fu detto.*

If *ne* (of it etc.) is joined with *si*, the former should be preceded by the latter, *si*, for the sake of euphony, being changed into *se*, as:

*Se ne parla*, one speaks of it.

The compound tenses, as we have said before, are formed with *essere*, thus:

*Se n'è parlato*, one has spoken of it.

### *Neuter verbs.*

They denote either a *state of rest*, as: *dormire*, to sleep, or an action which does not pass over to an object, as: *io vado*, I go. They generally form their compound tenses with the auxiliary verb *essere*, as: *io sono andato*, I have gone; *è arrivata*, she has arrived. Others take *avere*: *io ho dormito*, I have slept etc.

A Neuter verb is generally conjugated with *essere*, when its past participle may be considered as an adjective, and therefore joined with a noun. Thus: *era morta*, she had died; *è caduto*, he has fallen, because these participles may be employed as adjectives, for ex.

\*) The *Passive voice* is also inadmissible in this case, because *si è amato* means: *he has loved himself*, and not: *one loves oneself*. Expressions like: *si viene* (or *si è*) *ingannato* may perhaps be found, where the author wishes to imply: *one is cheated*, but, as we observed before (p. 116), such expressions are incorrect.

*L'uomo morto*, the dead man; *l'angelo caduto*, the fallen angel.

## Words.

*Il capitano*, the captain.  
*la legge*, the law.  
*l'armadio*, the press, the cupboard.  
*la cura*, the care.  
*la sorta*, the sort.  
*il dubbio*, the doubt.  
*la nebbia*, the mist, fog.  
*la malattia*, the illness.  
*il valore*, the value, worth.  
*l'ospedale*, m. the hospital.  
*l'oggetto*, the object.  
*il viaggiatore*, the traveller.  
*il viaggio*, the travel, journey.  
*viaggiare* (with *avere*), to travel.  
*l'adulatore*, the flatterer.  
*sconosciuto*, unknown.  
*offeso* (from *offendere*), offended.  
*osservare*, to observe.  
*ferire* (-*isco*), to wound.  
*disprezzare*, to despise.  
*schivare*, to avoid.  
*distrutto*, destroyed (p. p.)  
*ammirare*, to admire.  
*riedificare*, to rebuild.  
*assalire* (-*isco*), to attack.

*morso*, bitten (p. p.).  
*tolto* (from *torre*) (irr.), taken away.  
*il villaggio*, the village.  
*bandire* (-*isco*), to banish.  
*excellente*, excellent.  
*lealmente* (adv.), honest.  
*occupato*, occupied.  
*guarire*, to cure.  
*sanguinoso*, bloody.  
*arrabbiato*, furious.  
*chiuso*, shut.  
*corretto* (from *correggere*), corrected, mended.  
*puntuale*, punctual.  
*studioso*, studious.  
*ucciso*, killed.  
*denso*, dense, close, tight.  
*virtuoso*, virtuous.  
*stimare*, to esteem.  
*viene*, he comes (becomes).  
*vengono*, they come (become).  
*trasgredire* (-*isco*), to transgress.  
*trattare*, to treat, to act.  
*anzi*,  
*piuttosto*, } rather.  
*perciò*, therefore.

## Reading Exercise. 47.

Mio figlio Teodoro è (viene) amato e lodato dai suoi maestri, perchè è studioso e attento. Gustavo Adolfo, re di Svezia, fu ucciso alla battaglia di Lützen. Volfango Amedeo Mozart, celeberrimo compositore, è nato a Salisburgo e morto a Vienna. Se sarete (see page 46, *NB.*) virtuosi, sarete amati e stimati da ognuno. Abbiate cura che le leggi siano osservate puntualmente. Chiunque le trasgredisce, verrà [*inst. of sarà*] punito. Il soldato che è stato ferito è morto. La casa che è stata demolita, sarà riedificata. Quel povero cane vien (= è) maltrattato dal suo padrone. Ieri un signore fu assalito da due ladroni (*robber*); denaro, orologio e catena, tutto gli fu tolto. Sono arrivati da Firenze questi signori? Sì, hanno viaggiato tutta la notte. Che libri sono questi?

Sono libri che non si leggono mai. Quando i nostri temi saranno finiti, verranno corretti dal nostro professore. Che cosa si dice della guerra? Dove si trovano queste piante? Non si vede niente in quella stanza, perchè non v'è lume (*light*). È chiusa la porta? No, ma viene chiusa dal servitore in questo punto (*moment*). Ci s'inganna se si crede che gli uomini siano tutti buoni. Dalla mia finestra si vedono due chiese. Non si vede il campanile della chiesa, la nebbia è troppo densa. Mi si disse (*I was told*), che (Ella) non era a casa. Dicono che la regina parta per Roma.

## Traduzione. 48.

I am loved by my parents. They say that Christopher Columbus (*Cristóforo Colombo*) was born (*Cong.*) in Genoa. They have said that our neighbour was now avoided by\*) all his friends, because he did not act honestly. One has found many important letters in this press. Have you been offended? Yes, I have been offended. (The) flatterers are esteemed by nobody; on the contrary (*anzi*), they are despised by everybody. One is mistaken, when one thinks that this family is (*Cong.*) rich. The prince has travelled much in his youth; he was accompanied by his tutor (*educatore*) on (*in*) all his journeys. A poor woman has been bitten by a furious dog. Is it true, that the captain has been wounded? I do not believe it (*credo di no*). In the (*Nell'*) last battle 50 soldiers have been killed, and 200 wounded. These pictures will be admired, but nobody will be found who will buy (*Conj.*) them. The traveller would, no doubt, have been attacked, if he had been alone. There are books (which) one never reads. The "Betrothed" by Manzoni (*I Promessi Sposi del*) is an excellent novel (*romanzo*) (which) one will always read with pleasure. Rome was five times destroyed, and always rebuilt again.

## Diálogo.

Siete amati dai vostri amici?	Siamo sempre stati amati da tutti i nostri amici.
Siete stati biasimati dal vostro maestro?	Al contrário; siamo stati lodati.
Da chi fu distrutta la città di Milano?	Da Barbarossa, imperatore di Germania.
Sei invitata a pranzo dal Signor Bovio?	Sì, sono invitata, ma non so se ci vado.
Che cosa si è trovato nell'armadio?	Si sono trovati degli oggetti di molto valore.

\*) By with the Passive voice is usually rendered by *da*.

Da chi fu assassinato Enrico IV?	Fu assassinato da Ravallac.
In che anno?	Nell'anno 1610.
Quale fu la sorte di Carlo X?	Questo re venne bandito dalla Francia nell'anno 1830.
Tutti schivano questi negozianti, sapete ( <i>do you know</i> ) il perchè?	Sono conosciuti come gente di poca onestà e perciò sono schivati e disprezzati.
Fu sanguinosa la battaglia di Inkermann?	Fu sanguinosissima; molti soldati ed uffiziali vi furono uccisi, e più ancora furono feriti.
Che si vede sulla piazza?	Si vedono molti cavalli.
Che dicesi (= si dice) in città?	Dicono che la regina sia guarita della sua malattia.
Ti hanno riconosciuto ancora?	Nessuno mi ha riconosciuto.
Ha (Ella) dormito bene stanotte?	No, non ho dormito bene, ho dormito malissimo.
In quali paesi ha viaggiato?	Ho viaggiato in Francia e in Germania.

## Twenty-eighth Lesson.

### Reflective or Pronominal Verbs.

These verbs, besides their *subject* (nominative), are conjugated with a *pronoun*, generally in the accusative. The action proceeding from the subject returns upon it. For these reasons they are called *reflective*, *reciprocal* or *pronominal verbs*.

*Rule.* Like the French "*verbes pronominaux*", Italian reflective verbs are conjugated with the auxiliary *essere*, as:

*Io mi sono distinto* (je me suis distingué), I have distinguished myself.

*Egli si era lavato* (il s'était lavé), he had washed himself.

*Note.* 1. This reflective form is very frequently met with in Italian, whilst in English most of these verbs are employed as *neuter verbs*, that is to say, *without an object*, as: *io mi rallegro*, I rejoice. —

2. If the second pronoun of the verb is not an accusative but a *dative*, as in *noi ci* (dat.) *scriviamo*, *lit.* we write to each other, the compound tenses may in certain cases be formed with *avere*, yet the form with *essere* is always preferable, thus: *noi ci siamo scritto più volte*, we have written to

each other several times. *Egli se le ha* (better *se le è*) *pigliate* (*gli schiaffi, le legnate ecc.*), he has caught it (the boxes on the ears, the blows with a stick, etc.).

### Example.

#### Rallegrarsi, to rejoice.

##### Indicative.

###### Present.

*Io mi rallegro*, I rejoice.  
*tu ti rallegri*, thou rejoicest.  
*egli si rallegra*, he rejoices.  
*noi ci rallegriamo*, we rejoice.  
*voi vi rallegrate*, you rejoice.  
*eglino si rallegnano*, they rejoice.

###### 1<sup>st</sup> Imperfect.

*Mi rallegrova*, I rejoiced.  
*ti rallegravi*, thou rejoicedst.  
 etc. etc.

###### 2<sup>nd</sup> Imperfect.

*Mi rallegrai*, I rejoiced etc.

###### Future.

*Mi rallegrerò*, I shall rejoice.

##### Conditional.

###### Present.

*Mi rallegrerei*, I should rejoice.

##### Imperative.

*Rallegrati*, rejoice (2<sup>nd</sup> p. S.). *Rallegriamoci*, let us rejoice.  
*Nonti rallegrare*, do not rejoice. *Rallegratevi*, rejoice (2<sup>nd</sup> p. Pl.).  
*Si rallegri*, rejoice (3. p. Sing.). *Si rallegriano*, rejoice (3. p. Pl.).

##### Subjunctive.

###### Present.

*Ch'io mi rallegri*, that I may rejoice.

###### Imperfect.

*Ch'io mi rallegrassi*, that I might rejoice.

##### Participle and Gerund.

(Pres. *Rallegranti*)  
 Gerund. *Rallegrandomi, -ti, -si, -ci, -vi,* } rejoicing.

## Compound Tenses.

## Infinitive.

**Essersi rallegtrato, -a, Plur. -i, -e, having rejoiced (oneself).**

## Indicative.

## Perfect.

*Mi sono rallegtrato, -a, I have rejoiced.*  
*ti sei rallegtrato, -a, thou hast rejoiced.*  
*si è rallegtrato, he has rejoiced.*  
*si è rallegtrata, she has rejoiced.*  
*ci siamo rallegtrati, -e, we have rejoiced.*  
*vi siete rallegtrati, -e, you have rejoiced.*  
*si sono rallegtrati, -e, they have rejoiced.*

1<sup>st</sup> Pluperfect.

*Mi era rallegtrato, -a, I had rejoiced.*

2<sup>nd</sup> Pluperfect.

*Mi fui rallegtrato, -a, I had rejoiced.*

2<sup>nd</sup> Future.

*Mi sarò rallegtrato, -a, I shall have rejoiced.*

## Conditional.

## Perfect.

*Mi sarei rallegtrato, -a, I should have rejoiced.*

## Subjunctive.

## Perfect.

*Ch'io mi sia rallegtrato, -a, that I (may) have rejoiced.*

## Pluperfect.

*Se mi fossi rallegtrato, -a, if I (might) have rejoiced.*

## Participle.

*Rallegtratosi* } Pl. *rallegtratisi,* } having rejoiced.  
*rallegtratasi* } *rallegtratesi,* }

## Gerund.

*Essendomi* } *essendoci* } Sing. *rallegtrato, -a,* } having  
 ———— *ti* } Pl. ———— *vi* } Plur. *rallegtrati, -e,* } rejoiced.  
 ———— *si* } ———— *si* }

## Interrogative Form.

*Mi rallegro (io)? Do I rejoice?*

*Mi sono (io) rallegtrato? Have I rejoiced?*

### Negative Form.

(Io) *non mi rallegro* (io), I do not rejoice.

(Io) *non mi sono rallegrato*, I have not rejoiced.

### Negative-Interrogative.

*Non mi rallegro* (io)? Do I not rejoice?

*Non mi sono* (io) *rallegrato*? Have I not rejoiced?

### Note.

For the sake of euphony, *mi, ti, si etc.*, when followed by *lo, la, le, ne etc.*, are changed into *me, te, se*, as:

*Me lo procuro*, I procure it to myself.

*Me ne sono rallegrato*, I have rejoiced at it.

### Words.

*L'egoista*, *m.* the egoist.

*separarsi*, to part with.

*il labirinto*, the labyrinth, maze.

*la pezza*, the whole piece (stuff).

*è un pezzo*, it is long since.

*distinto*, distinguished.

*presso* (*di, a*), near.

*difeso*, defended.

*proibito*, forbidden.

*valorosamente*, (*adv.*) brave.

*il cannone*, the cannon.

*esclamare*, to exclaim.

*alleato*, allied.

*la palla*, the ball, bullet.

*l'arsenale*, the arsenal.

*il consiglio*, the council.

*il coraggio*, the courage.

*affliggere*, to afflict.

*imprudente*, imprudent.

*la Boemia*, Bohemia.

*conservare*, to conserve.

*guardare*, to regard, look at.

*lavare*, to wash.

*ritrovare*, to find again.

*sbagliarsi*, to be mistaken.

*immaginarsi*, to imagine.

*pérdersi*, } to go astray,

*smarrirsi* (-isco), } lose one's

*svegliarsi*, to awake. [way.

*pentirsi di*, to repent.

*fermarsi*, to stop, stay.

*alzarsi*, to rise.

*levarsi*, to get up.

*annoiarsi*, to feel dull, be annoyed.

*divertirsi*, to amuse oneself.

*aggrapparsi*, to grasp, cling to.

*recarsi*, to repair to.

*ricordarsi di*, to remember.

*ingannarsi*, to be deceived, mistaken. [forget.

*dimenticare di*, *scordarsi*, to

*chiamarsi*, to be called.

*guardarsi a*, to beware of.

*avvicinarsi a*, to approach.

*maravigliarsi*, to wonder.

*uccidere*, to kill.

*soltanto*, only.

*fuso*, cast.

*tardi*, (*adv.*) late.

*avvezzarsi a*, to accustom oneself.

*soffrire* (*irr.*), to suffer.

*salvare*, to rescue, save.

### Reading Exercise. 49.

Ella s'inganna, Signore. Mi sono ingannato anch' io. Mia sorella si sarà ingannata nel contare (*in counting*) il denaro.



La settimana ventura mi reherò a Parigi ed è probabile che mi fermi tre o quattro mesi in quella città. Non si diméntichi di salutare mio fratello e gli dica (*and tell him*) che se non ascolta i miei consigli, se ne pentirà più tardi. L'egoista si sépara dagli uomini; egli si smarrisce nel labirinto della vita. È un pezzo che non ci siamo veduti. Il generale Ostermann si è distinto molto presso Culm. S'egli non si fosse difeso così valorosamente, l'esercito alleato sarebbe stato chiuso nelle montagne della Boemia. Si è conservata la parola che pronunziò Napoleone in una battaglia; aggrappandosi ad un cannone, sciamò: La palla che m'ucciderà non è peranco (*not yet*) fusa. Perchè si è levato così tardi? Mi sono levato alle sette. Non vi affiggete tanto, cari amici; avvezzátevi a soffrire con coraggio i mali della vita. Sareste stati salvati, se non foste stati così imprudenti. Mio figlio, guárdati dai cattivi compagni!

#### Traduzione. 50.

I am very glad (with *rallegrarsi*) to see you. He has distinguished himself; therefore he will also be rewarded. Rise (*2nd pers. Pl.*)! Why did you not rise (*Pass. pross.*)? Don't be sorry (*sad*), my children! exclaimed he, we shall all be saved. You have been mistaken, Sir! My brothers will not have been mistaken. We parted near the (*dalla*) little church and met again at the (*dall'*) arsenal. Approach (you), and look at the fine picture. Am I deceived (Deceive I myself)? No, I am not deceived (deceive myself not), [it] is *you*. He would have saved himself, if he had clung (himself) to the tree. I was with a Frenchman in the (*al*) theatre last night; I was amused, but he felt dull (was annoyed), because he understood nothing (has u. n.). What is his name (How is he called)? His name is Berger (He is c. B.). We have lost our way in the streets of Vienna. Have you not been mistaken, Miss Mary? No, I remember him well. When I bowed to him (greeted him), he stopped, looked at me, but did not remember my name. I have accustomed myself to rise at six o'clock every day. Is it long since you paid a visit to your native country (repaired to your home)? Two years.

#### Diálogo.

(Ella) si è ingannato, non è vero?	Mi scusi, Signore, non mi sono sbagliato.
Avete sempre viaggiato insieme ( <i>together</i> )?	No, a Roma ci siamo separati.
Si ferma il treno a questa stazione?	Sì, si ferma per dieci minuti.

Pensi qualche volta alla tua buona madre?	Mi ricordo sempre di lei e mi pento di non averle scritto più spesso.
A che ora ti sei alzato stamane?	Mi sono alzato alle 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ e alle 7 io era già a scuola.
Non ti scorderai di mandarmi il mio libro?	No, non me ne scorderò.
Si è già levato tuo fratello?	Si, ma non si è ancora lavato.
Qual generale si è distinto presso Culm?	Il generale russo Ostermann.
Come si è condotto ( <i>behaved</i> ) in quella battaglia?	Si è difeso coraggiosamente.
Vi siete ben divertiti, ragazzi miei?	Non molto, il maestro ci ha proibito di cogliere ( <i>to pluck</i> ) dei fiori.

### Reading Exercise.

E pur si muove.

Galileo Galilei, nato a Pisa nel 1564, fu il creatore della moderna filosofia e grande motore di tutto il progresso scientifico. Ancora giovinetto, dal moto di una lámpada che vide oscillare nel duomo di Pisa dedusse la teoria della forza di gravità; messo poi a studiare medicina, egli divideva il suo tempo tra questa e le matemátiche. A 25 anni professore di matematiche all'università di Pisa cominciò a pubblicare le idee della nuova scienza in opposizione a quelle fin allora professate sull'autorità di Aristotele e confermò la sua teoria con pubblici sperimenti. Odiato per la nuova dottrina da religiosi e láici, abbandonò Pisa per recarsi a Pádova, ove la repubblica di Venezia gli offrì una cátedra a quell'università. Fu là che inventò il termómetro e costruì il telescópio col quale riuscì a scoprire le montagne della luna, i satélliti di Giove e altre stelle. Richiamato a Firenze dai Medici fu ricolmo d'onori e di ricco stipendio; ma egli aveva abbracciato il sistema di Copérnico che la terra gira attorno al sole e l'aveva confermato in una sua opera. Questa sua teoria venne condannata come contraria alla sacra scrittura ed egli, ad istanza di alcuni ecclesiastici più zelanti che dotti, venne chiamato a Roma per abiurare le sue opinioni. Custodito per qualche tempo nel palazzo dell'inquisizione, è fama che all'atto dell'abiura non potesse tenersi dal dire sotto voce:

E pur si muove.

Morto in età di 77 anni ad Arcetri, la sua salma venne portata a Firenze e deposta in S. Croce, ove gli venne poi innalzato un sontuoso monumento.

## Words.

<i>E pur si muove</i> , and yet it moves.	<i>cattedra</i> , chair.
<i>motore</i> , the furtherer, promoter.	<i>inventare</i> , to invent.
<i>scientifico</i> , scientific.	<i>costrusse</i> (from <i>costruire</i> ), to construct.
<i>dedusse</i> (from <i>dedurre</i> ), deduced.	<i>riuscire</i> , to succeed.
<i>oscillare</i> , to oscillate.	<i>scoprire</i> , to discover.
<i>forza di gravità</i> , gravity.	<i>satellite</i> , satellite.
<i>nesso</i> , destined.	<i>ricolmo</i> , laden with.
<i>dividere</i> , to divide.	<i>girare</i> , to revolve.
<i>pubblicare</i> to publish.	<i>condannare</i> , to condemn.
<i>idea</i> , idea, notion.	<i>ad istanza</i> , by instigation.
<i>in opposizione</i> , in opposition	<i>ecclesiastico</i> , ecclesiastic (substantive), priest.
<i>fino</i> , till. [(to).	<i>zelante</i> , zealous.
<i>professare</i> , to profess.	<i>abiurare</i> , to abjure.
<i>sull'autorità</i> , under the authority.	<i>opinione</i> , opinion, doctrine.
<i>esperimento</i> , the experiment.	<i>custodire</i> , to watch, keep.
<i>odiare</i> , to hate.	<i>è fama</i> , they say, it is said.
<i>religioso</i> , religious, clerical.	<i>all'atto dell'</i> , during the.
<i>laico</i> , secular, lay.	<i>tenersi</i> , to abstain from.
<i>religiosi e laici</i> , clergymen and laymen or the clergy and the laity.	<i>sotto voce</i> , lowly murmuring.
<i>offrire</i> , to offer.	<i>salma</i> , corpse, body.
	<i>deposta</i> (from <i>deporre</i> ), to bury.
	<i>innalzare</i> , to erect.
	<i>suntuoso</i> , sumptuous, magnificent.

## Twenty-ninth Lesson.

## Impersonal Verbs.

Verbs are either *really impersonal*, i. e. they are only used in the third person singular, as: *piove*, it rains; *névica*, it snows; *tuóna*, it thunders; or they are *used as impersonals*, as: *sembra*, it seems; *comincia*, it begins etc.

1. Real impersonal verbs are the following which denote meteorological facts:

<i>Piove</i> , it rains.	<i>névica</i> , it snows.
<i>lampéggia</i> , it lightens.	<i>sgela</i> , it thaws.
<i>tuóna</i> , it thunders.	<i>albéggia</i> , it is twilight, it dawns.
<i>grándina</i> , it hails.	<i>abbuiia</i> , it gets dark.
<i>gela</i> , } it freezes.	<i>annotta</i> , it gets night.
<i>ghiaccia</i> , }	

Besides these, many are formed with *fare*, *essere*, and *other verbs*, as:

<i>fa caldo</i> , it is warm.	<i>c'è della nebbia</i> , it is foggy.
<i>fa freddo</i> , it is cold.	<i>c'è chiaro di luna</i> , the moon shines.
<i>fa bel tempo</i> , it is fine weather.	<i>c'è del fango</i> , it is dirty.
<i>fa cattivo tempo</i> , it is bad weather.	<i>è umido</i> , it is wet.
	<i>tira vento</i> , it is windy.
<i>è tempo</i> , it is time.	
<i>è meglio</i> , it is better.	
<i>merita</i> (or <i>vale</i> ) <i>la pena</i> , <i>torna il conto</i>	} it is worth while.

2. *Used as impersonal verbs are:*

<i>Bisogna</i> , it is necessary, one must.	<i>s'intende</i> , of course.
<i>conviene</i> , it is proper.	<i>piace</i> , it pleases.
<i>occorre</i> , it is necessary, one wants.	<i>mi rincresce</i> , } I am sorry.
<i>basta</i> , it is enough.	<i>m'increbbe</i> , }
<i>pare</i> , <i>sembra</i> , }	<i>avviene</i> , <i>accade</i> , <i>succede</i> , } it happens.
	} it seems.

Notes.

1. The English verbs *must*, *to be obliged etc.* are usually rendered by *dovere* (irr.), as: *deve andare*, he must (shall) go. Instead of *dovere* the impersonal verb *bisognare* (French *falloir*) may be used, followed by the Infinitive *without* a preposition, when employed in quite a general sense, as: *bisogna lavorare*, one must work.

If, however, the subject of the sentence is a substantive or a pronoun, *bisogna* must be followed by the subjunctive mood. Ex.: *Bisogna che i fanciulli ubbidiscano ai loro genitori*, children must (literally: it is necessary that children) obey their parents\*).

Sometimes *must* is rendered by *aver da . . .*, or by *convenire*, as:

*Ho da tacere?* Must I be (lit. have to be) silent?

*A tale scongiuro convenne bere.* (M.)

At this entreaty he was compelled to drink.

2. The compound tenses of these verbs are formed with *avere*, if a *transitive* verb is *used* impersonally, as *tirare*, to draw:

\*) In the earlier authors we meet with examples where *bisognare* takes, as in French, a possessive pronoun in the *dative*, as: *come se per morire le bisognasse ferro* (Bocc.); as if she wanted iron to kill herself. Such phrases are now obsolete. ≡

*Ha tirato vento tutta la notte.*

The wind blew the whole night.

*Essere* is used, when the verb is really impersonal, as:

*È avvenuto*, it (has) happened.

Nevertheless the use of the auxiliary verb is rather arbitrary. Modern writers prefer *essere*, as:

*Mi è piaciuto*, it has pleased me.

3) *There* is, Plur. *there are* (French *il y a*) is rendered by *c'è* (*ci è*) or *v'è* (*vi è*), Plur. *ci sono* or *vi sono*, Imperfect *c'era*, *vi era*, Fut. *ci sarà*, *vi sarà* etc. Very frequently, especially in ancient writings, we come across an obsolete phrase: *v'ha* (*vi ha*) or *havvi* = *there is*.

### Words.

<del>Abbisognare</del>	di, } to want.	<i>ci vuole tempo</i> ( <i>denáro</i> ), it wants (needs) time (money).
<i>aver bisogno</i>		
<i>fa d'uopo</i> , }	it is necessary.	<i>come si conviene</i> , properly.
<i>fa mestieri</i> , }		<i>la cambiale</i> , the bill of exchange.
<i>cominciare a</i> , to commence.		<i>il soprabito</i> , the great-coat.
<i>cessare di</i> , to cease.		<i>innocente</i> , innocent.
<i>sottrarsi</i> , to withdraw.		<i>colpevole</i> , guilty, culpable.
<i>soffrire</i> , to suffer.		<i>attento</i> , attentive.
<i>piacere</i> (with <i>essere</i> ), to please.		<i>infatti</i> , indeed.
<i>piaciuto</i> , pleased.		<i>altrimenti</i> , otherwise.
<i>mi spiace</i> , }	it displeases me,	
<i>mi dispiace</i> , }		I am sorry.

### Reading Exercise. 51.

Piove. Pioviggina (*It drizzles*). Credo che piovierà domani. Sento tuonare. Infatti tuona. Ha nevicato ai monti, farà freddo. Ci sono degli uomini che non sono mai contenti. Fa caldo; faceva troppo caldo nella sua stanza. Non v'erano nè uomini, nè donne, nè fanciulli. Bisogna partire. Bisogna ch'Ella parta. Bisognava che finissimo il lavoro per le quattro. Nostro fratello Guglielmo che sta a Roma è ammalato; bisognerà scrivergli e domandargli, se ha bisogno di qualche cosa. Le riesce d'imparare la lingua italiana? Sì, mi riesce; ma ci vuole tempo e pazienza per impararla come si conviene. Mi rincresce di non essere riuscito a trovare quel libro che desidero. Avviene spesso che l'innocente soffre pel colpevole. Accadono delle disgrazie alle quali l'uomo non può sottrarsi. Mi preme molto che questa lettera parta (*Cong.*) oggi. Ho bisogno d'un abito; abbisognerò più tardi anche d'un soprabito e d'un paio di stivali. Ho scritto ai miei geni-

tori che mi occorre del denaro. Mi pare d'aver veduto tua sorella e mi rincresce di non averla salutata, perchè non l'ho conosciuta subito. Mi dispiace di non aver parlato col padrone di casa.

**Traduzione. 52.**

Does it snow? No, it does not snow (snows not), it rains. It ceases to thunder, it begins to rain. It is too cold to-day; it is better [to] remain at home. If it is fine weather, we shall depart to-morrow by (with) the first train. It is windy, it will freeze to-night. Yesterday it snowed (has snowed) the whole day. Learn your lesson properly! It is of great consequence to us, that this bill of exchange should be (is) (*Conj.*) paid. In North Italy (*Italia settentrionale*) it often happens that it freezes in the month of March. My money has not been sufficient (I am short of money); I must write to my father to send me more. It is not necessary to write him. It is not worth while (the trouble) to speak of (it). At school one must be attentive. It seems that he needs (*Conj.*) money, else he would not sell his house. We are sorry that we did not buy (have not bought) this house. One needs much money to make this journey. We have not succeeded in (*a*) understanding this letter. The walk pleased (*h. pl.*) us very much, but another time we must take with us (*prendere con noi*) our guns and (our) hounds.

**Diálogo.**

Che tempo fa oggi?	È brutto tempo.
Piove?	Sì, piove a diluvio ( <i>it rains fast, it pours</i> ).
Pioverà domani?	Non credo che piovèrà, perchè comincia a tirar vento.
Avremo chiaro di luna stasera?	Non so.
Che ti occorre, figlio mio?	Mi occorre un cappello e due paia di stivali.
C'è abbastanza vino?	Sì, signore, ce n'è abbastanza.
Che cosa è accaduto?	Non so, ma pare che sia successo qualche disgrazia.
Sei riuscito a trovare il ladro?	Sì, ci sono riuscito, egli è già in prigione.
Quanto tempo ci vuole per andare da Milano a Firenze?	Dieci ore col (treno) diretto e dodici coll'omnibus ( <i>ordinary</i> ).
Vi era molta gente al ballo?	Sì, vi erano molte persone.
Mi rincresce di non trovare a casa il signor professore.	Spero che lo troverà a casa verso le sei.
Le basta quel vino?	La ringrazio, mi basta.

Mi dispiace che non sei riuscito a conchiudere (*conclude, 'settle*) questo affare. Sono già le dodici?

Non importa! Ne conchiuderò un'altra volta uno migliore.

Sicuro, e bisogna che partiamo, altrimenti arriveremo tardi pel pranzo.

### Reading Exercise.

Il rospo e la gallina.

«Odi che strépito  
Entro quel covo . . .  
Póffare il diávolo  
Che c'è di nuovo?»

Fuor d'una fétida  
Gora vicina  
Sì un rospo intérroga  
Una gallina.

«Nulla», rispósegli,  
«Nulla di nuovo;  
Siccome al sólito  
Ho fatto l'uovo.»

Ed egli: «Crédimi  
È fuor di loco  
Far tanto strépito  
Per cosí poco».

«E tu che grácidi  
Nè taci mai,  
Con tanto strépito  
Dimmi che fai?»

Risposta símile  
Aver potrà  
Chi tutto critica  
E nulla fa.

### Words.

*Il rospo*, the toad.  
*la gallina*, the hen.  
*odi* (from *udire*), hear (thou).  
*lo strépito*, the noise.  
*il covo*, the nest.  
*póffare*, it is possible.  
*fétido*, stinking.  
*la gora*, the moat.

*interrogare*, to ask.  
*al solito*, as usual.  
*fuor di loco*, not convenient, seasonable.  
*gracidare*, to croak.  
*tacere*, to be silent.  
*simile*, similar.  
*potrà* (fr. *potere*), will be able.

*criticare*, to criticise.

## Thirtieth Lesson.

### Adverbs.

Adverbs qualify *verbs*, *adjectives* or *other adverbs*. They denote *manner*, *time*, *place*, *motion*, *order*, *quantity*, *quality* etc.

They are either *proper adverbs* (as will be seen in the next lesson), for instance: *spesso*, often; *mai*, never, or formed from *adjectives* or *participles* by the addition of the syllable *mente*.

## Rules.

1. When the adjective ends in *e*, without a *foregoing l* or *r*, the syllable *mente* is simply added, as:

<i>felice</i> , happy	adv. <i>felicemente</i> , happily.
<i>prudente</i> , prudent	» <i>prudentemente</i> , prudently.
<i>indecente</i> , indecent	» <i>indecentemente</i> , indecently.

2. When the final *e* is preceded by *l* or *r*, this *e* is dropped, as:

<i>facile</i> , easy	adv. <i>facilmente</i> .
<i>difficile</i> , difficult	» <i>difficilmente</i> .
<i>interiore</i> , internal	» <i>interiormente</i> .
<i>esteriore</i> , external	» <i>esteriormente</i> .
<i>particolare</i> , particular	» <i>particolarmente</i> .

3. When the adjective ends in *o*, the syllable *mente* is added to the *feminine* form, as:

<i>sincero</i> , sincere	adv. <i>sinceramente</i> .
<i>certo</i> , certain	» <i>certamente</i> .

*Note.* From the *ordinal numbers* are formed the adverbs *primieramente* and *secondariamente* only. See Lesson 16.

Adverbs form their degrees of comparison like adjectives, as: *facilmente*, easily; Comp. *più facilmente*, more easily; Sup. *il più facilmente*, most easily.

A few adverbs are irregular, viz:

	Comp.	Sup.
<i>bene</i> , well.	<i>meglio</i> , better ( <i>più bene</i> ).	<i>meglio (di tutti)</i> , best. <i>benissimo</i> , <i>ottimamente</i> , } very well.
<i>male</i> , badly.	<i>peggio</i> , worse ( <i>più male</i> ).	<i>peggio (di tutti)</i> , worst. <i>malissimo</i> , <i>pessimamente</i> , } very badly.
<i>molto</i> , very.	<i>più</i> , more.	<i>più (di tutti)</i> , most. <i>moltissimo</i> , very much.
<i>poco</i> , little.	<i>meno</i> , less.	<i>meno (di tutti)</i> , least. <i>pochissimo</i> , very little.

Adverbs are also formed from the *superlative absolute* of adjectives by changing *issimo* into *issimamente*, as:

*Coraggiosissimo*, very courageous — *coraggiosissimamente*, most courageously.

In order to avoid too long words one uses periphrastical expressions, as: *con molto coraggio* for *coraggiosissimamente*, etc.

*NB.* The learner must be careful in using *il meglio* in a similar way as the French *le mieux*; *il peggio* like *le pis*; *il più*



like *le plus*; *il meno* like *le moins*, as absolute adverbs. These forms exist in Italian, but only as substantives, as:

*Il meglio è il nemico del bene.*

'Better' is the enemy of 'good'.

*Nell'ultima guerra i Francesi ebbero sempre la peggio.*

In the last war the French always came off worst (got the worst of it).

Phrases like: 'he works (the) least; this pupil (f.) writes best; I like this wine best', are best translated periphrastically:

*Egli lavora meno di tutti. Questa scolara scrive meglio di tutte. Questo è il vino che più mi piace.*

### Notes.

1. From the Compar. *maggiore* and *minore* may be formed the adverb *maggiormente* but *minormente* is quite obsolete. — The terminations *one* and *ino* modify the meaning of adverbs, chiefly in conversation, as: *benone*, very well; *benino*, tolerably. Besides, *one* (also *oni*, but *not* in an augmentative sense) serves to form *adverbial expressions* derived from substantives. The most important of these are:

*bocconi* (from *bocca*), procumbent.

(a) *cavalcioni*, on horseback.

*ciondoloni*, taking the tail between the legs (of a dog).

*carponi*, (creeping along) upon all fours.

(a) *tastoni*, groping along in the dark.

*penzoloni*, hanging down etc.

2. A peculiarity of the Italian language consists in the *Superl. absolute* of some *proper* adverbs and even of a few *adverbial expressions*, such as *assai*, very, *per tempo*, early. Thus one says: *assaiissimo*, very much, *per tempissimo*, very early.

A *high degree* is also expressed by the repetition of the adverb, as: *subito subito*, directly; *bene bene*, very well.

3) Many *masculine* adjectives may be used as adverbs, for ex.:

*Parlate chiaro.*

Speak distinctly.

*Egli lo guardò fisso.*

He looked at him fixedly (instead of *fissamente*).

Such are also: *spesso*, frequent, —ly; *basso*, deep, —ly; *falso*, false, —ly; *certo*, *sicuro*, certain, —ly; *mezzo*, by half; *forte*, loud, —ly; *piano*, low.

## Words.

*Eloquente*, eloquent.  
*pigro*, idle, lazy.  
*sfortunato*, unfortunate.  
*raro*, rare, —ly, seldom.  
*grave*, grave, molesting, se-  
*probabile*, probable. [rious.  
*eterno*, eternal.  
*eguale*, equal.  
*puntuale*, punctual.  
*saggio*, wise.  
*modesto*, modest.  
*costante*, constant.  
*appassionato*, passionate.  
*generoso*, generous.  
*il dono*, the gift.  
*il suddito*, the subject.  
*la prosperità*, the prosperity.  
*il trastullo*, the toy.  
*l'artista*, the artist.  
*rispettare*, to respect.

*nettare*, to clean.  
*confessare*, to confess.  
*distribuire (-isco)*, to distribute.  
*adempiere un dovere*, to fulfill  
 a duty.  
*suonare il pianoforte*, to play  
 the piano.  
*trascurare*, to neglect.  
*giacere*, to lie.  
*abbruciare*, to burn.  
*domandare*, to demand.  
*costare*, to cost.  
*venite*, come!  
*in viaggio*, on the way.  
*adagio*, slowly, lowly.  
*finalmente*, at length, finally.  
*solamente*, only.  
*al più presto possibile*, as soon  
 as possible.  
*al più tardi*, (the) latest.

## Reading Exercise. 53.

Rispettate la legge di Dio, se volete essere felici eternamente. Quest'uomo ha parlato benissimo; parla sempre eloquentissimamente. I pigri lavorano meno di tutti. Tuo fratello mente, e quello che più mi dispiace in lui, è che non confessa mai d'aver avuto torto. Trattate bene vostri nemici. Iddio (*God*) ha saggiamente distribuito i suoi doni. Parlate modestamente de' vostri meriti. Enrico IV era costantemente occupato della prosperità dei suoi sudditi. Il ladro entrò adagio; credeva certo che nessuno lo sentisse. Gli Italiani imparano facilmente il latino: essi imparano il francese più facilmente che il tedesco. Io adempirò sempre puntualmente i miei doveri. Il meglio che tu possa fare è di restare a casa. Non andare così presto! Mio padre è in Francia adesso. I giovani che amano appassionatamente il giuoco, trascurano spesso i loro doveri. Carlo è stato biasimato più di tutti. Nettare ben bene questi stivali, poi portatemi subito subito nella mia stanza!

## Traduzione. 54.

Speak loud! Speak distinctly! You work too slowly; work faster (more quickly)! The king has generously pardoned his enemies. Nobody is constantly fortunate (happy) in (in) this world. The name of Shakespeare will live (*vivrà*) eternally. This artist plays the piano wonderfully (tr. *divina-*

*mente*). I have seldom (rarely) received letters from (*di*) my brother. He gropingly sought the door. My mother is very (gravely) ill; I must return home as soon as possible. I know your brothers very well; especially the edelst who came (*veniva*) often to me. We shall certainly depart next Monday, and since we do not stop on the way, we shall probably be in Florence [on] Tuesday. Your cousin does not write better than you, and your friend writes worst. We have arrived very early. The wounded (man) lay with his face on the grass (*erba*). Come quickly! Directly, directly! The house was half burnt. Unfortunately we lost (have lost) all our fortune. Observe the laws punctually! Fulfill your duties punctually! These toys cost the least. This pupil has most frequently his tasks without mistakes (*transl.* this is the pupil who . . .). He sang too low (*piano*), and also the music-master, that accompanied him, played wrong. At length I have finished my translation.

#### Díálogo.

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| Come parla quest'avvocato?  | Parla eloquentissimamente e elegantissimamente.  |
| Suona sua cugina il piano-forte?  | Suona a maraviglia ( <i>admirably</i> ) e canta ancor meglio.  |
| Avete nuove di vostro fratello a Parigi?  | Miscriveraramente. Fortunatamente so ( <i>I know</i> ) da un suo amico ch'egli sta ( <i>is</i> ) benone. |
| Capisce quello che io dico ( <i>say</i> )?  | Capisco tutto, quando parla adagio.  |
| Avete finalmente ricevuto la mia lettera?   | L'ho ricevuta solamente questa mattina, perchè fui assente ( <i>absent</i> ).                            |
| Scriverà presto a sua madre?  | Sicuro; fra otto giorni al più tardi.  |
| Che ora è?  | Sono le tre meno un quarto.  |
| Conducétemi ( <i>drive me</i> ) adagio adagio fino ( <i>till</i> ) al Ponte Rialto! | Sissignora, sarà ubbidita ( <i>as you command</i> )!   |
| Era fatto bene il tuo tema?   | Ottimamente.   |

## Thirty-first Lesson.

### Adverbs continued.

In the foregoing lesson we observed, that besides the adverbs formed from adjectives or participles by addition of the syllable *mente*, there are a great many *true adverbs* denoting place, manner, order, time etc.

Thus we have: 1. *Adverbs of place.* 2. *Adverbs of time.* 3. *Adverbs of manner.* 4. *Adverbs of quantity.* 5. *Adverbs of affirmation, of negation and doubt.* There are also *adverbial expressions* i. e. compounds of *substantives, adjectives etc.* with *prepositions*, as: *a mente*, by heart; *in fatti*, indeed etc.

### 1. Adverbs of place.

<i>Ove</i> , dove, where, whither?	<i>quinci</i> , hence, from here.
<i>onde</i> , <i>donde</i> , where from, whence?	<i>dietro</i> , behind.
<i>qui</i> , } here, hither, this way.	<i>indietro</i> , behind, backwards.
<i>qua</i> , } here, hither, this way.	<i>sotto</i> , below.
<i>là</i> , <i>colà</i> , <i>costì</i> , <i>costà</i> , <i>ivi</i> , <i>quivi</i> , there.	<i>innanzi</i> , before.
<i>qua è là</i> , to and fro.	<i>davanti</i> , before.
<i>vi</i> , <i>ci</i> (French <i>y</i> ), here.	<i>avanti</i> , forward, along.
<i>sopra</i> ( <i>sovra</i> ), } on, upon.	<i>dentro</i> , therein, within.
<i>su</i> ( <i>sur</i> ), } on, upon.	<i>fuori</i> , outside, out.
<i>lassù</i> ( <i>là su</i> ), up there.	<i>dappertutto</i> , everywhere.
<i>giù</i> , below, down.	<i>altrove</i> , elsewhere.
<i>laggiù</i> ( <i>là giù</i> ), down there.	<i>lontano</i> , } far, distant.
<i>abbasso</i> , down, downwards.	<i>lungi</i> , } far, distant.
	<i>via</i> , be gone (gone).

### 2. Adverbs of time.

<i>Quando</i> , when?	<i>ieri l'altro</i> , } the day before
<i>da quando</i> , since when?	<i>l'altro ieri</i> , } yesterday.
<i>sempre</i> , always.	<i>avant'ieri</i> , } yesterday.
<i>mai</i> ( <i>giammai</i> ), never.	<i>presto</i> , quick, soon.
<i>oggi</i> , to-day.	<i>tosto</i> , soon.
<i>domani</i> ( <i>dimani</i> ), to-morrow.	<i>adesso</i> , } now.
<i>posdomani</i> , the day after to-morrow.	<i>ora</i> , } now.
<i>ormai</i> , } now, at length.	<i>or ora</i> , now, immediately. <i>just now</i>
<i>omai</i> , } now, at length.	<i>subito</i> , directly, suddenly.
<i>di rado</i> , seldom. <i>rarely</i>	<i>tardi</i> , late.
<i>spesso</i> , } often.	<i>già</i> ( <i>digia</i> ), already.
<i>sovente</i> , } often.	<i>talora</i> , } sometimes.
<i>prima</i> , before.	<i>talvolta</i> , } sometimes.
<i>allora</i> , then.	<i>testè</i> , } not long ago, lately.
<i>pòi</i> , } then.	<i>poc'anzi</i> , } not long ago, lately.
<i>pòscia</i> , } then.	<i>poco fa</i> , } not long ago.
<i>intanto</i> , } meanwhile.	<i>poco avanti</i> , } not long ago.
<i>frattanto</i> , } meanwhile.	<i>poco prima</i> , } not long ago.
<i>ancóra</i> , still.	<i>una volta</i> , once, one time.
<i>ieri</i> , yesterday.	<i>più volte</i> , } several times.
	<i>molte volte</i> , } several times.

## 3. Adverbs of manner.

<i>Cóme</i> , how?	<i>insième</i> , }	together.
<i>già</i> , already, indeed.	( <i>assième</i> ), }	
<i>molto</i> , }	<i>almeno</i> , at least.	
<i>assai</i> , } very.	<i>affatto</i> , wholly, completely.	
<i>sì</i> , }	<i>volentieri</i> , }	willingly.
<i>così</i> , } so.	( <i>volontieri</i> ) }	
<i>perchè</i> , why, because.	<i>quasi</i> , almost.	
<i>bène</i> , well.	<i>forse</i> , perhaps.	
<i>male</i> , badly.	<i>anzi</i> , in the contrary.	
<i>püre</i> , yet, also.		

## 4. Adverbs of quantity.

<i>Molto</i> , much, very (much).	<i>solamente</i> , }	only.
<i>assai</i> , enough, rather much.	<i>soltanto</i> , }	
<i>troppo</i> , too, too much.	<i>non — che</i> , }	
<i>tanto</i> , so, so much.	<i>poco</i> , little.	
<i>abbastanza</i> , enough.	<i>più, di più</i> , more.	
<i>eziandio</i> , }	<i>meno</i> , less.	
<i>pure</i> , }	<i>quanto</i> , how much?	
<i>pur anco</i> , } even; even yet.	<i>tanto — quanto</i> , so much — as.	

NB. *Assai*, *abbastanza*, *più* and *meno* stand, without a prepos., before the subst. therefore not — in the French way — *abbastanza di vino*, but *abbastanza vino*. *Più* and *meno* have *di* only before numerals, as: *più di 100 lire*, more than 100 lire (frances). One says *di più*, if the word stands alone; as: *costui ha lavorato di più*, this man has worked more.

## 5. Adverbs of affirmation and negation.

<i>Sì</i> , yes *).	<i>non</i> , not.
<i>infatti</i> , indeed.	<i>non — mai</i> , never.
<i>certo</i> ,	<i>non — punto</i> , not at all.
<i>certamente</i> , }	<i>non — già</i> , not — even.
<i>sicuramente</i> , } surely, certainly.	<i>non — più</i> , not — any more.
<i>davvéro</i> , truly.	<i>neanche</i> , not even.
<i>no</i> , no.	

## 6. Adverbial expressions.

<i>A mente</i> , }	<i>con comodo</i> , }	conveniently, at
<i>a memoria</i> , } by heart.	<i>a bell' agio</i> , }	one's convenience.
<i>in fretta</i> , in haste, hastily.	<i>a stento</i> , hardly.	
<i>in furia</i> , in a hurry.	<i>di frequente</i> , frequently.	
<i>in vano</i> , in vain.	<i>di solito</i> , generally, usually.	

\*) The adverb *si* may also be written without any accent.

" as soon as - no sooner, than  
appena, scarcely.

*a buon mercato, cheap.*

*a voce,*  
(*a viva voce*), } by word of  
mouth.

*a bello studio,*  
*a (bella) posta.* } on purpose.

*a caso, by accident.*

*ad alta voce*, aloud.

*all'improvviso*, suddenly.

*a destra,*  
*a diritta.* } at the right hand.

*a sinistra,* } at the  
*a sinistra,* } left hand

*su due piedi, directly.*

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seconds that defendants

*fra brève, fra póco, in short.*

*a poco a poco,* } by and by, by  
*poco per volta,* } degrees.

*in breve*, shortly.

*alla rinfusa*, helter skelter.

*a propósito*, quite conveniently;  
by the by.

~~a bocca~~, verbally, by word of mouth.

*a gara*, in emulation.

*tutt' al più*, at the most.

*dapprima*, first.

*appunto*, exactly

Da gnet y moru m. 1871 - Since that day -  
Wagari. Wase y Notes. Would find y like.

1. As we hinted, *già* often implies a lively affirmation, *do so* - corresponding to the English *of course*, *yes*, *yes etc.* Ex.:

*Avete finito?* Have you done?

*Già, son pronto*, of course (yes, yes), I am ready.

Used with *non* or *nè* it has no proper equivalent in English and must therefore be paraphrased, as:

***Non dico già che abbiate torto, ma . . .***

I will not say (I do not mean to say), that you are wrong, but . . .

*Non credeva già che volessi ingannarlo, ma . . .*

Although he did not think, that I would cheat him,  
yet . . .

2. Used with a substantive, *già* is the English *former* or *late* (but not of deceased persons). Ex.:

*Egli fu già granduca di Toscana.*

He was the former grand-duke of Tuscany.

3. The negative particle *non*, which, as we said, always precedes the verb, is often rendered more impressive by the adverbs *punto* or *mai*, as:

*Io non amo*, I do not love.

*Io non amo punto, I do not love at all.*

*I non amo mai, I never love.*

*Note.* In colloquial language *mica* is very often used instead of *già*, as:

*Non è mica un bel nome. (M.)*

It is indeed no fine name, or: it is anything but a fine name.

*Neanche* or *nemmeno*, and *nemmanco* correspond to the English *nor* — *either*, ex.: *neanch'io*, nor (do) I, nor I either. The question: *is it not?* is best translated: *non è vero?* The English way of saying: *do you?* or *do you not?* *are you not?* referring to a foregoing question, must not be imitated in Italian. The above question: *non è vero* is usually employed in such a case. Example:

You are writing to your father, are you not?

*Ella scrive a suo padre, non è vero?*

Likewise, the answers: *I do* or *I do not* etc. are not to be literally translated, but are either paraphrased with the verb, or rendered by *si* or *no*, as:

Do you write to your father? — Yes, I do. — No, I do not.

*Scrive Ella a suo padre?*

*Si.*

*No.*

or *Si, scrivo.*

*No, non scrivo.*

### Words.

*L'occasione*, the occasion.

*l'intenzione*, the intention.

*menar via*, to lead off.

*cacciare*, to hunt.

*pregiato*, honoured.

*abituare*, to accustom.

*il bisógno*, the want.

*il cánto*, the song.

*la storiella*, the tale, the story.

*la nave da guerra*, the man of war.

*la villeggiatura*, the villa, the farm.

*andare a piédi*, to go on foot, walk.

*la nebbia*, the mist, fog.

*sparito*, disappeared.

*risposto*, answered.

*inverosimile*, improbable.

*pranzare*, } to dine.

*desinare*, }

*cenare*, to sup.

*fare colazione*, to breakfast.

*disturbare*, to disturb.

*finito*, finished, ready.

*vada pure*, go only, do go!

### Reading Exercise. 55.

Dove abita? Adesso abito qui dietro al teatro. Ora che non abitiamo più lontano l'un dall'altro, ci vedremo di frequente. Un proverbio italiano dice (*says*): chi tardi arriva, male alberga (*is badly lodged*). Domani o dopodomani avrò probabilmente l'occasione di parlare con tuo zio, e ti comunicherò poi subito le sue intenzioni. Menate via quel cane, o cacciatelo fuori! I signori erano di dietro e le signore erano davanti. Quando avrò il piacere di vederla in casa mia? Adesso sono in campagna, ma quando ritorno non mancherò di venire da lei. I nostri amici ci aspettano abbasso, andiamo giù! Parlavate forse di me? Sì, parlavamo appunto di te. Aspetto fra breve una tua risposta e intanto ti saluto ti cuore. Ricevammo testè la pregiata vostra lettera e vi manderemo

fra poco quanto (*that which*) ci avete comandato. Egli ha abbastanza danaro; essendo abituato a una vita semplice, ha meno bisogni di noi. In Sicilia il vino e le arance sono a buon mercato. Una volta in Italia vi erano molti principi, adesso non vi è che un re. Ha tutt' al più vent' anni e ha già finito i suoi studi. Egli mi ha ingannato, non voglio più vederlo. Questa sera, essendo già tardi, noi ceneremo e dormiremo qui ai piedi del monte, ma domani ci leveremo per tempo e faremo colazione lassù.

## Traduzione. 56.

In Italian schools one learns many cantos of the 'Divina Comedia' by heart. Italian tales also generally commence with the words: 'There was once a king'. France has more men of war than Italy. Our farm is not far from the city, we often go there on foot. I write you these few lines (*due righe*) in haste, to inform you that your mother has just arrived here. This gentleman speaks German, but not fluently (*lit.*: with trouble); he generally speaks English with us. I willingly lend you the requested (wished) sum, and you will pay it back to me at your convenience. The fog (mist) has disappeared gradually. I have written to him on purpose. He has not even answered me. I do not — it is true — believe what he tells (*dice*) me; but the matter (affair) in itself (*in se*) is not improbable. I have lost my gold ring; I can find it nowhere. Seek it! I have already sought it everywhere. I hope that you will dine with us the day after tomorrow. Your uncle has several times supped with us. I have seen your aunt lately; she is (*sta*) very well. Here is bread and cheese. Will you have (Do you wish) more of it? I shall eat this little piece by and by. My friend will not stay here. Nor I (*lit.*: I also not). Go only, the work (task) is finished.

## Diálogo.

Come sta, Signor Gabbi?	Sto bene, e lei?
Discretamente ( <i>well, thank you</i> ), e sua madre?	Adesso che non fa più freddo, sta un po' meglio.
Vuole mangiare del presciutto?	Sì, me ne dia un pochetto.
Ne vuole di più?	No, grazie, ne ho abbastanza.
Sarà a casa domattina ( <i>to morrow-morning</i> )?	Certamente, sarò a casa tutto il giorno.
A che ora arriva tuo cugino?	Se non arriva stamattina ( <i>from</i> questa mattina), arriverà stasera.
Partirete anche voi per la Francia?	Sì, partiremo noi pure.



A proposito; hai notizie di quel tuo fratello che è a Londra?	Si, mi ha scritto poco fa che ritornerà fra breve in patria.
Carlo, tuo padre ti cerca, va subito a casa!	Ci vado immediatamente.
Ecco dei libri, leggi a (tuo) bell'agio!	Grazie, li leggerò con piacere.
Perdoni se la disturbo!	Anzi, è un piacere che mi fa.
Quanto guadagna questo povero uomo al giorno?	Due lire tutt' all più, egli vive miseramente.
Chi è il più diligente di questi scolari?	Quello che studia più di tutti.

### Reading Exercise.

#### Creso e Solone.

Creso domandò un giorno a Solone, se avesse incontrato ne' suoi viaggi un uomo perfettamente felice. «Ne ho conosciuto uno», rispose il filosofo, «era un cittadino d'Atène, di nome Tello, galantuomo, che ha passato tutta la sua vita in una dolce agiatezza, vedendo la sua patria sempre prosperante. Quel felice mortale ha lasciato dei figli generalmente stimati, ha veduto i figli de' suoi figli ed è morto gloriosamente, combattendo per la patria.»

Creso, sorpreso d'intendere citare come modello di felicità un uomo mediocre, gli domandò, se non avesse trovato uomini più felici ancora di Tello. Sì, gli rispose Solone, erano due fratelli, Cleobi e Bitone, d'Argo, rinomati per la loro amicizia fraterna ed il loro amore filiale.

#### Words.

<i>Incontrare</i> , to meet with.	<i>combattere</i> , to fight.
<i>il viaggio</i> , the journey.	<i>sorpreso</i> , -a, surprised, astonished.
<i>rispose</i> , p. rem. of <i>rispondere</i> , to answer.	<i>intendere</i> , to hear.
<i>il cittadino</i> , the citizen.	<i>citare</i> , to cite, to quote, to allege.
<i>Atène</i> , Athens.	<i>il modello</i> , the model.
<i>di nome</i> , named.	<i>mediocre</i> , adj. belonging to mediocrity.
<i>Tello</i> , Tellus.	<i>rinomato</i> , -a, famous.
<i>passare</i> , to pass.	<i>amicizia</i> , friendship.
<i>dolce</i> , sweet, agreeable.	<i>fraterno</i> , -a, fraternal.
<i>agiatezza</i> , prosperity.	<i>amore</i> , m. love.
<i>la patria</i> , the country.	
<i>prosperante</i> , flourishing.	

## Thirty-second Lesson.

### Prepositions.

In Italian, prepositions are either *simple*, preceding, as in English, their noun in the *accusative*, as: *senza mio padre*, without my father; or they are *compound*, i. e. *adverbs* used as prepositions, and usually followed by *di*, *a* or *da*, sometimes, however, without any other preposition intervening. Some of the simple prepositions may also be followed by *di*, *a* or *da*, as will be seen from the following examples:

*Without* my father, is: *senza mio padre*, or *senza di mio padre* (here the simple prep. *senza* is followed by *di*).

In the II. Part we shall see, that by using or omitting *di*, *a* and *da*, the speaker somewhat modifies the meaning of the preposition. In general, compound prepositions are more expressive than the simple ones.

*True* prepositions, i. e. *not* followed by *di*, *a* or *da*, are:

A, at.	<i>Secondo</i> giusta, conformably.	<i>per</i> , for, by.
con, with.	<i>in</i> , in, within.	<i>secondo</i> *), conform-
di, of.	(a) <i>lungo</i> *), along.	ably, according to.
da, of, from by.		

All the other prepositions may be followed by one or the other of the *segnacasi* \*\*) *di*, *a* or *da*; some of them even admit of *two*, in order to modify the sense.

Besides the true prepositions there are still a number of *prepositional expressions*, i. e. substantives or adjectives used with prepositions, as:

*Appiè della montagna*, at the foot of the mountain.

1. Prepositions which generally govern the accusative without *di*, *a* or *da* following.

Avanti, before.	verso, against.
contro, } against.	dopo, after.
— contra, }	durante, during.

\*) *Giusta*, *lungo*, *secondo*, and likewise *durante*, *mediante*, *salvo*, *eccetto* (see these) are properly *adjectives*, and only by use prepositions.

\*\*) Signs of cases.

<i>fra,</i>	} between.	<u>Tranne</u>	{ <i>salvo</i> , except.
<i>tra,</i>			
<i>lungo,</i>	} along*)		<i>senza</i> , without.
<i>lunghezzo,</i>			<i>sopra,</i>
<i>nonostante</i>	<i>malgrado</i> , notwithstanding,	( <i>sopra</i> ),	{ <i>sotto</i> , under.
<i>mediante</i>	by means of.		
<i>oltre</i>	besides, more than . . .	<i>su</i> ( <i>sur</i> , <i>in su</i> ), over, upon.	
<i>eccetto</i>	except.		

*Note.* *Avanti*,—*contra*, *dopo*, *fra*, *oltre*, *senza*, *sopra*, *sotto*, *su*, *tra*, and *verso* are sometimes followed by *di*, especially when preceding a *personal pronoun*, as: *dopo di me*, behind (after) me; *senza di voi*, without you etc.

## 2. Prepositions usually joined with *di*.

<i>Fuori</i> ( <i>di</i> ), out (of), outside.	<i>a c��sa,</i>	} or, on account of.
<i>al di l��</i> , beyond; on the other side.	<i>a motivo,</i>	
<i>al di qua</i> , on this side.	<i>a ragione,</i>	
<i>presso di,</i>	<i>per</i>	
<i>appresso,</i>	<i>per mezzo</i> , by means.	
<i>accanto,</i>	<i>in luogo,</i>	} instead.
<i>allato,</i>	<i>in vece</i>	
<i>accosto,</i>	<i>appi��</i> , at the foot.	
<i>a forza</i> , by much by means of.	<i>a dispetto,</i>	} notwithstanding,
<i>prima</i> , (relation of time) be- fore.	<i>ad onta,</i>	
	<i>in favore</i> , in favour.	
	<i>lungi</i> , far.	

## 3. Prepositions usually joined with *a*.

<i>Fino,</i>	} till.	<i>inn��nzi,</i>	{ before.
<i>sino,</i>		<i>dinanzi,</i>	
<i>dirimpetto,</i>	} opposite.	<i>davanti,</i>	
<i>in faccia,</i>		<i>in rispetto,</i>	{ concerning.
<i>incirca,</i>	<i>in riguardo,</i>		
<i>circa,</i>	} about.	<i>in quanto,</i>	
<i>in mezzo,</i>		<i>di��tro,</i> behind.	
<i>frammezzo,</i>	} amidst.	<i>vicino,</i> near.	
<i>dentro,</i> inside.		<i>addosso,</i> on, upon, with.	
<i>attorno,</i> around, all round.		<i>conforme,</i> conformably.	

*Note.* Only a very limited number of Prep. take *da*. The most important of them are: *lungi* and *discosto*, far

\*) *Along*, when used in sentences like: *get along*, *come along*, is usually expressed with the verb *and  rsene*, as: *v  ttene*, get along with you!

from, and *in fuori*, except, which latter, however, is *preceded* by the word which it governs. Thus: *dalla Francia in-fuori tutte le altre potenze*, all the other powers except France.

## Words.

<i>Il municipio</i> , the town-hall.	<i>il pózzo</i> , the well.
<i>il prefétto</i> , the civil governor.	<i>la collina</i> , the hill.
<i>civile</i> , polite.	<i>il capolavóro</i> , the master-piece.
<i>assénte</i> , absent.	<i>l'uomo dabbéne</i> , the honest man.
<i>il viále</i> , the avenue.	<i>nascóndersi</i> , to hide oneself.
<i>agire</i> (-isco), to act.	<i>il pórtó</i> , the harbour.
<i>l'impiegáto</i> , the officer.	<i>il fanále</i> , the light-house.
<i>la guérra</i> , the war.	<i>l'invérrno</i> , the winter.
<i>giráre</i> , to turn round.	<i>il pésce</i> , the fish.
<i>la sentinélla</i> , the sentinel.	<i>aumentáre</i> , to increase.
<i>il mólo</i> , the mole.	<i>occupáre</i> , to occupy.
<i>il campo</i> , the camp.	<i>sbevazzáre</i> , to drink immoderately.
<i>le fórze naváli</i> , the naval forces; the navy.	<i>la raccomandazióne</i> , the recommendation.
<i>il cantánte</i> , the singer.	<i>l'albérgo</i> , the hotel.
<i>la stagióne</i> , the season.	<i>il pióppo</i> , the poplar.
<i>l'órdine m.</i> , the order.	<i>méntre (che)</i> , whilst, while.
<i>il carnevále</i> , the carnival.	<i>ventúro</i> , next.
<i>ciéco</i> , blind.	<i>la páce</i> , the peace.
<i>l'infánzia</i> , the infancy.	
<i>la bótte</i> , the barrel.	

## Reading Exercise. 57.

Vi mando per mezzo della ferrovia cento bottiglie di vino di Marsála. Non è stata gentile verso gli stranieri. Durante la guerra d'Oriente i Francesi hanno aumentato le loro forze navali. L'anno venturo andrò in Italia e non tornerò prima del carnevale. I cantanti dell'opera tedesca sono di solito assenti da Vienna durante la stagione italiana. Mentre tu scrivi, io leggerò il giornale. Secondo la mia opinione, gli Ugonotti del Meyerbeer sono un capolavoro della musica moderna. Stasera farò una passeggiata lungo il fiume. La tavola era accanto al letto. Resti presso di me! L'uomo dabbene ha sempre Dio dinanzi agli occhi. L'Albergo Nazionale si trova dirimpetto al molo San Carlo. Presso a quella porta vi è un pozzo profondo. La bugia si nasconde sempre dietro alla verità. Innanzi al porto si vede il fanale. Invece di lavorare, egli passa il tempo giuocando e sbevazzando nelle osterie. A forza di raccomandazioni arrivò al posto che occupa adesso. Noi abitiamo fuori della città, appiè d'una bella collina. L'albergo di cui parlate, è al di qua o al di là

del fiume? È al di qua, in faccia al municipio. Questa povera ragazza è cieca fin dall'infanzia.

### Traduzione. 58.

Between the garden and the forest there is (*v'è*) a long avenue. Did you arrive before or after 4 o'clock? I arrived towards evening. Where have you been during the war? We were on a hill not far from the city. While you were eating, I have read the newspapers. Are you going with your sister or without (*senza di*) her? I am going with her; in spite of the bad weather she will not stay at home. Charles Albert, king of Sardinia (*Sardegna*), abdicated in favor of his son, Victor Emanuel (*Vittorio Emanuele*). Is your house on this side of the river in that small street (*dim.*) beside the theatre? He waited for me at the foot of the hill. According to your order I send you a cask of old wine, and hope that you will like it (be content with it). Respecting your bill of exchange I communicate to you that it was punctually paid. One has given a concert in honour of the king. Through many entreaties he obtained (*ottenne*) his liberty. Before (in front of) the church there are three very high poplar trees. I do not yet know anything respecting my journey. France extends (*si stende*) no longer from the Atlantic Ocean to the Rhine. The earth revolves round the sun. Buy an umbrella instead of a stick. He owes (*deve*) me about two hundred marcs. Opposite the Ducal palace lives the governor. A sentinel stood (*vi era*) not far from the camp. Since that (*Da quel giorno in poi*) day I have not seen my friend.

### Diálogo.

Per chi è questa bella scattoletta?	È per mia cugina Emilia.
Per quanto tempo ha (Ella) preso in affitto ( <i>rented</i> ) questa stanza?	L'ho presa per due mesi.
Quando partirà, signor dottore?	Partirò domani per Edimburgo.
Dove eri durante il carnevale?	Ero a Roma presso uno zio.
Ho sentito che Ella è stata in Italia, è andata fino a Napoli?	No, sono andato fino a Firenze, dove mi fermai per affari.
Dove sta ( <i>lives</i> ) il tuo maestro di canto?	Vicino al municipio, in una casa nuova.
Partirà prima di domenica?	Secondo ( <i>that depends</i> ).
Dove si trova la repubblica di San Marino?	Tra Bologna ed Ancona, non lontano dal mare.
Avete agito conforme ai desideri dei vostri genitori?	Sì, e speriamo che essi saranno contenti di noi.

E vero che sei caduto in mezzo alla strada?	È vero, ma non mi sono fatto male.
Vai a scuola tutti i giorni?	Sì, eccetto la domenica.
Quanto denaro ha perduto?	Circa duemila lire.
Ha viaggiato molto?	Sì, per mare e per terra.

### Reading Exercise.

Creso e Solone.

(Continuazione.)

Un giorno di festa solenne, vedendo che non arrivavano i buoi, i quali dovevano condurre al tempio di Giunone la loro madre, i figliuoli attaccarono se stessi al giogo, e trassero il legno per alcune miglia. Quella sacerdotessa, compresa di gioia e di riconoscenza, supplicò gli dei d'accordare ai suoi figli quel che gli uomini potessero desiderare di meglio; fu esaudita. Dopo il sacrificio ambedue i suoi figliuoli, immersi in un dolce sonno, terminarono tranquillamente la loro vita. Si eressero loro delle statue nel tempio di Delfi.

«Dunque non mi conti nel numero dei felici?» disse il re. «Sire», rispose il filosofo, «noi professiamo nel nostro paese una filosofia semplice, senza fasto e poco comune alla corte dei re. Conosciamo l'incostanza della fortuna e stimiamo poco una felicità più apparente che reale e per lo più troppo passeggera. La vita d'un uomo è tutt' al più di trenta mila giorni. Nessuno d'essi rassomiglia all'altro, e come non accordiamo la corona che dopo la lotta, così non giudichiamo della felicità d'un uomo che alla fine della sua vita.»

### Words.

<i>Dovevano</i> , should.	<i>eressero</i> , P. rem. of <i>erigere</i> (irr.).
<i>condurre</i> (irr.), to lead, to carry, to bring.	<i>contare</i> , to count. [to erect.]
<i>il tempio</i> , the temple.	<i>professare</i> , to profess.
<i>attaccare</i> , to put to . . .	<i>il fasto</i> , the pride.
<i>il giogo</i> , the yoke.	<i>la corte</i> , the court.
<i>trassero</i> , Pass. rem. of <i>trarre</i> , to draw.	<i>stimare</i> , to esteem.
<i>il legno</i> , the carriage. [draw.]	<i>apparente</i> , apparent, seeming.
<i>il miglio</i> (Plur. <i>le miglia</i> ), the mile.	<i>reale</i> , real.
<i>la sacerdotessa</i> , the priestess.	<i>per lo più</i> , mostly.
<i>compresa</i> , filled with . . .	<i>passeggiero</i> , -a, passing, transitory.
<i>supplicare</i> , to pray ardently.	<i>tutt' al più</i> , at the utmost.
<i>accordare</i> , to bestow.	<i>esaudire</i> , to hear, to grant.
<i>potessero</i> , could.	<i>il sacrificio</i> , the sacrifice.
<i>desiderare</i> , to desire.	<i>immerso</i> , sunk.
<i>il sonno</i> , the sleep.	<i>accordare</i> , to adjudicate, to yield.
<i>terminare</i> , to terminate, to end.	<i>la lotta</i> , the combat, fight.
	<i>giudicare</i> , to judge.

## Thirty-third Lesson.

### Conjunctions.

These words join words and sentences together, are either *copulative* or *adversative*, *simple* or *compound*. The Italian language has abundance of these words; those most in use are as follow:

*Note.* Conjunctions marked by an asterisk (\*) require the Subjunctive mood. Many of them, however, govern the Indicative, when the action expressed by the verb is represented as a fact admitting of no doubt.

#### a) Copulative Conjunctions.

\**Se*, if. (See page 46.)

*che*, that.

*e*, and.

*e — e*. *but*

*tanto — quanto*, } as well as.

*quando*, when.

*come*, as.

\**finchè*, till. *as long as while*

*dopo che*, after.

*appena*, } scarcely.

*a pena*, }

\**supposto che*, suppose, provided that . . .

*anche*, also, too.

*allorchè*, then, when.

*perchè*,

*poichè*, *since* } because.

*giacchè*,

*(posciacchè)*,

*sicchè*, so that. *in consequence*

\**acciocchè*, } that, in order to . . .

\**affinchè*, }

(*im*)*perocchè*, } *since*

(*im*)*perciocchè*, } as, because.

\**prima che*, before, sooner.

\**quand'anche*, though, al-

*se anche*, even if. [though.

*di maniera che*, } so that.

*di modo che*,

*tosto che*, } as soon as.

*sùbito che*, }

*però*, though, however. *for that reason*

*dunque*, so, therefore.

*quindi*, therefore, consequently.

*dacchè*, because, since.

*mentre*, whilst etc. *while*

#### b) Adversative Conjunctions.

*Se*, whether.

*o*, or.

*o — o*, either — or.

*ovvéro*, }

*ossia*, } or.

*oppùre*,

\**purchè*, provided.

\**benchè*, } though,

\**sebbène*, } although.

\**ancorchè*,

\**quantunque*, though, although.

*nè — nè*, neither — nor.

*ora — ora*, now — now.

*anzi*, even, rather. •

*neppure*, } not even.

*nemmeno*, }

\**senza che*, without that.

— *eziandio*, } but, also. [ing.

*ma anco*, }

\**nonostante che*, notwithstanding-

<i>*per quanto*</i> ), however.	<i>altresì</i> , besides.
<i>perciò</i> , nevertheless <del>therefore</del>	<i>per altro</i> , however.
<i>nullameno</i> , }	<i>ma</i> , but.
<i>nientemeno</i> , } nevertheless.	<i>eppure</i> , and yet.

## Remarks.

1. The interrogative *why?* is rendered by *perchè*, which also means *because*. Ex.: *Perchè non è venuta?* Why did you not come? *Perchè non poteva.* Because I could not. Frequently *perchè* also means *that* denoting consequence, as: *La cosa è troppo chiara perchè potessi ingannarmi*, the matter is too evident, *that* I could (= for me to) be mistaken. *Un abito fatto perchè duri a lungo*, a coat made so that it may (so as to) last long.

2. *Poichè* corresponds to the English *as* or *because*, and is placed at the beginning of sentence, as: *Poichè non volete*, as (because) you will not (French: *Puisque vous ne voulez pas*).

3. *Dunque*, at the beginning of a sentence, means *thus*, *therefore*, *so*, as: *Dunque non verrò*, therefore (so) I shall not come. When following the verb, it is rendered by *but* or *so*, as: *Venite dunque, Signore!* So (but) come, Sir! (French: *Venez donc, Monsieur!*)

4. *Se* means *if* and *whether*, as: *Se tu vieni*, if you come. *Non so, se verrà o no*, I don't know whether he will come or not.

5. *Quando* expresses a *condition* like *se*, but more generally, as: *Quando si dice la verità*, if (*when*) one speaks the truth. When denoting time, it corresponds to the English *when*, as: *Quando venite?* When do you come?

6. It is of importance to distinguish *per* — *che* from *perchè*. *Per* — *che*, written as two words and separated by an adjective, means *however . . .*, for ex.: *Per grande che sia*, however great he may be. This conjunction always requires the *Subjunctive*.

## Words.

<i>Dispósto</i> , disposed, inclined.	<i>unire</i> (-isco), to unite.
<i>prónto</i> , ready.	<i>il bugiárdo</i> , the liar.
<i>la sicurèzza</i> , the security.	<i>invidiàre</i> , to envy.
<i>l'assicurazióne</i> , the assurance.	<i>la mercanzía</i> , the ware.
<i>la prestèzza</i> , the swiftmess.	<i>lasciàre</i> , to leave.
<i>la condizióne</i> , the condition.	<i>menàre</i> , to lead, guide.
<i>proibìre</i> (-isco), to forbid.	<i>cárta da lettera</i> , letter-paper.

\*) *Per quanto* (adv.) always requires an *adjective* after it, as: *Per quanto fedele egli sia*, however faithful he be.



*póssò*, I can (from *potere*).  
*assicuràre*, to assure, have re-  
 gistered.  
*smarrirsi*, to go astray, lose  
*taccia!* be silent! [one's way.  
*la cás*sa, the box.  
*per conseguénza*, consequently.  
*la partita*, the item.

*regolàre*, to regulate, pay.  
*préndere*, to take.  
*préndere la via della giustizia*,  
 to go to law, enter an action  
 against . . .  
*soddisfàre*, to satisfy.  
*l'educazióne*, the education.  
*il progréssò*, the progress.

#### Reading Exercise. 59.

Se è ricco pagherà certo i suoi debiti. Se fosse ricco pagherebbe certo i suoi debiti. Si dice che abbia guadagnato molto denaro in America. Perchè non rispondi subito alla lettera di tua madre? Perchè non ho carta da lettera in casa. Mentre noi dormivamo, ha piovuto. Quand' anche non si abbiano più parenti in patria, vi si ritorna però volentieri. Cari figli! vi do questi anelli, uno a ciascuno, affinchè vi ricordiate di vostra madre. Perchè non è venuto suo nipote con Lei? Egli non parla nè francese, nè tedesco, e perciò ha preferito non venire. Al bugiardo non si crede, nemmeno quando dice la verità. L'Italia, dacchè è unita sotto un solo re, ha fatto grandi progressi nell'industria e nel commercio. Per bella che sia questa casa, io non la comprerei, perchè è troppo lontana dalla città. Siccome mio padre è molto ammalato, non posso lasciare la città prima di vederlo in via di guarigione. Appena egli arrivò a casa si mise (*lay down*) in letto, e prima che arrivasse il medico si sentiva già molto male. E pur si muóve (la terra), diceva Galileo.

#### Traduzione. 60.

If you will be happy, love (*Imperat.*) (the) virtue and shun (the) vice. I have seen [both] (*e—e*) his brother and (his) sister. If I had had faithful friends, I should not be (*transl.*: I were not *Cond.*) in this condition. Not knowing where your friend lives, I send you the books, that you [may] give them back to him before he leaves the city. I accompany you, that you may not lose your way (*transl.*: go astray) in the forest. He waited quietly till his friend returned (*cong. imp.*). I am ready to come to you as soon as I have done (*finire*) my task. If the weather be (*è*) fine, I shall be Paris this day week (*fra otto giorni*). Do but (*pure*) eat these apples as long as there are any. Since rail-roads and steamers connect the different towns of Europe, one travels everywhere with the greatest safety and speed. Why do you not eat any meat? Because (the) meat is forbidden [to] me. I stayed in Paris, as long as I had [any] money. Whilst you take a walk, I shall write a letter. I am ill, therefore I cannot go out. Although I requested him several times to pay

this item, he has not even answered me. We have neither money nor friends; therefore we are not satisfied with our condition. Either you will pay me, or I shall enter an action against you (I go to law). Although he has no fortune, yet he has given a good education to his children. He will, but he cannot. This is not my pen, but yours. Who will lend me a book? I am happy, if you only be happy. You will be happy, when you are doing (*faccia*) your duty. However rich you may be, I do not envy you. Have your letter registered, that your brother [may] be sure to get it himself (*in persona*).

### Dialogo.

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| Sei contento, amico mio?  | Lo sarei se avessi dei buoni libri.  |
| Se non Le occorre ( <i>If you want</i> ) altro ( <i>nothing else</i> ), io posso dargliene. Ne vuole? | Gliene sono molto grato ( <i>obliged</i> ). ?  |
| Che cosa vuol (Ella) compere, Signore?  | Vorrei ( <i>I should like to</i> ) compere alcuni sigari.                                |
| Verrà ( <i>will you come</i> ) (Ella) da me stasera?  | Verrò, purchè io non la incomodi.  |
| Come trova (Ella) l'acqua stamattina?   | È fredda come il ghiaccio.   |
| Che dice Gesù Cristo di quelli che amano la pace?   | Egli dice che saranno chiamati ( <i>called</i> ) figli di Dio.                           |
| Che cosa vuole questo fanciullo?  | Ora vuol una cosa, ora un'altra.   |
| Andrà col treno o col piro-scafo?   | Siccome il tempo è bello, prenderò il piro-scafo.  |
| Che Le pare ( <i>what do you think of</i> ) del nuovo servo?  | Quantunque sia poco disinvolto ( <i>expert</i> ), sarà però meglio tenerlo.              |
| Poichè non mi credete, non vi dirò più nulla.   | Chi Le ha detto che non credo quel che mi dice? Io Le credo benissimo.                   |
| Non conosco neppur tu questo povero vecchio?  | No, nemmeno io.  |
| Da quando non vedeste più vostra cugina?  | Dacchè è morta sua madre.  |
| Suo figlio le sarà molto riconoscente dell'educazione che gli ha data.                                | Lo dovrebbe, ma invece non si ricorda più di me, come se non avessi fatto nulla per lui. |
| Perchè dice, ch'io abbia fatto ciò?   | Non dico già che Lei lo abbia fatto, ma ho detto che la credo capace di farlo.           |

## Reading Exercise.

## Il sofista convinto.

Il filosofo Diodoro pretendeva provare al médico Erófilo, che non vi era moto, con questo argomento: Se un corpo si muove, o si muove nel luogo dov'è, o nel luogo ove non è. Nel luogo dov'è *non* si muove, perchè nel tempo che vi è, riposa, e ciò che riposa non si muove. Poi non si muove dove *non* è, perchè dove non esiste non può esercitare nessun' azione: dunque niuna cosa è in moto. Il nostro filosofo cadde da cavallo e si slogò un braccio. Chiamò Erófilo, perchè glielo rimettesse. «O il vostro osso», gli disse allora il medico, «si è mosso nel luogo dov' era, o nel luogo ove non era. Nel luogo dove era non poteva muóversi, perchè ivi era in riposo; nel luogo dove non era non poteva muóversi, com'è chiaro. Dunque il vostro osso non si è mosso nè poco nè punto, e per conseguenza nemmeno slogato.» Diodoro allora disse: «Lasciamo i sofismi e toglietemi questo dolore!»

## Words.

*Il sofista*, the sophist.  
*convinto*, (p. p.) from *convincere*, to convince.  
*pretendere*, to pretend.  
*il moto*, the motion, movement.  
*l'argomento*, the argument.  
*muóvo*, fr. *muóvere*, to move.  
*il luogo*, the place.  
*ivi* (for *vi*) there.  
*riposare*, to repose.  
*esiste*, fr. *esistere*, to exist.  
*esercitare*, to exercise.  
*cadde*, Pass. rem. of *cadere*, to fall.  
*slogare*, to dislocate (a limb).  
*il dolore*, the ache, pain.  
*chiamare*, to call, to send for.  
*perchè*, that.

*rimettesse*, fr. *rimettere* (irr.).  
 here: to set a dislocated member.  
*l'osso*, the bone.  
*mosso*, (p. p.) of *muóvere*.  
*poteva*, could.  
*chiaro*, -a, clear, evident.  
*nè poco nè punto*, not at all.  
*per conseguenza*, therefore.  
*nè méno*, also not; nor.  
*il sofisma*, the sophism (a false argument that puts on the appearance of a true one).  
*lasciare*, to let.  
*togliere* (irr.), to take away from . . , to free from . . . to deliver.

## Thirty-fourth Lesson.

## Interjections.

These words are indeclinable like prepositions and conjunctions, and express some emotion of the speaker, as *joy*, *surprise*, *grief* etc. Those most in use are:

<i>Ah, ah!</i>	<i>gudi, woe!</i>
<i>ahi, alas!</i>	<i>oh, ohé, oh!</i>
<i>ehi, } halloo!</i>	<i>deh, alas!</i>
<i>ehi, }</i>	<i>fuori, be gone!</i>
<i>ebbène, well!</i>	<i>anzi, on the contrary, even!</i>
<i>oimè, woe to me!</i>	<i>via, away! pshaw!</i>
<i>olà, oh!</i>	<i>bene, well!</i>
<i>orsù, courage!</i>	<i>benóne, very well!</i>
<i>oh bella, very well! capital!</i>	<i>aiuto, help!</i>
<i>oibò, fie!</i>	<i>bravo, -a, } well done!</i>
<i>possibile, Good gracious!</i>	<i>bravi, -e, }</i>
<i>avanti, make haste!</i>	<i>all'erta, up! about!</i>
<i>evviva, huzza! long live . . !</i>	<i>chi va là? who goes there?</i>
<i>zitto, hush! peace!</i>	<i>affè, indeed! faith!</i>
<i>animo, } come! courage!</i>	<i>su, su, come, come!</i>
<i>coraggio, }</i>	<i>che peccáto, what a pity!</i>
<i>per Bacco! } good</i>	
<i>corpo di Bacco! } heavens!</i>	

Besides these there are many compound expressions, as: *per l'amore di Dio*, for God's sake! ~~*Fattene in (or alla) mala!*~~ *go to the bad!* etc. The Italian language abounds in interjectional particles. *Il vada, va, a quel paese!* *Remarks.* *benéfice*

*Zitto* and *bravo* are considered to be *adjectives*, the former sometimes, the latter always. They must therefore agree in gender and number with the person spoken to, thus:

*Brava!* Very well (to a lady).

*Bravi!* » » (to several gentlemen,  
or to gentlemen *and* ladies).

*Brave!* Very well (to several ladies).

*Zitta là, bugiarda!* Hold your tongue, liar that you are  
(to a woman).

*Spinsero l'uscio adagino zitti zitti. (M.)*

They opened the door quite softly, without the slightest noise.

If in exclamations an *adjective* is connected with a *pronoun*, the adjective mostly *precedes* in Italian, and the pronoun follows in the *accusative*, as:

Wretch that I am! *Oh, misero me!*

Alas the poor girls! *Oh, poverette loro!*

If with an adjective or a substantive a *proper name* be connected, the prep. *di* is placed before the latter; if instead of a proper name a common *substantive* is used, *di* is followed by the *indefinite article*, as:

*Quel zótico di Bernardo! (M.)*

This rude Bernhard! That impudent B.!

*Quello spensierato d'Attilio! (M.)*

This frivolous A.! What a thoughtless fellow, this A. is!

*Quella bugiarda di Colombina! (Gold.)*

This mendacious Colombine!

*Quell'asino d'un calzoldio!*

What an ass of a shoemaker!

### Words.

*Giuráre*, to take an oath.

*ardire*, to dare.

*il cocchière*, } the coachman.

*il vetturino*, }

*la vendetta*, the vengeance.

*stúpido*, stupid.

*il facchino*, the carrier, porter.

*affrettársi*, to hasten.

*impudente*, impudent.

*annegarsi*, to be drowned.

*il barcaiolo*, the barge-master,  
gondolier.

*vincere*, to win (a battle).

*la faccia*, the face.

*il buffone*, the buffoon, clown.

*la sventura*, the misfortune.

*il miracolo*, the miracle.

*regaláre*, to present with.

*l'impostore*, the hypocrite.

*lo scioperato*, the idler.

*l'avvocato*, the advocate, lawyer.

*l'oratore*, the orator.

*il ciarlone*, the talker.

*smascheráre*, to unmask.

### Reading Exercise. 61.

Orsù! amici, giuriamo vendetta! Deh, lasciami in pace! Via di qua, impostore! Zitto! zitto! non parlare! Oh, infelice te! Perchè hai creduto a quello scioperato d'Andrea? Zitte là, ragazze! Evviva la nostra regina! Ebbene, che cosa faremo? Per Bacco! Non avrei mai creduto che Lei fosse un avvocato sì valente. Olà, barcaiolo! venite qua colla vostra barca! Animo! non sarà così difficile come pensate! O bella! posso fare del mio denaro quel che mi piace. Avanti, avanti, non posso aspettare. Oibò, che brutta faccia! Gran Dio, che sventura! Eh, Signori, affrettatevi! Deh, sentite! Che bella canzonetta! Bravi tutti! Fuori! fuori! Dio sia lodato! siamo salvi! Aiuto! un ragazzo annega! Oh che miracolo! Come sta? Affè credeva che Ella fosse ammalata. Perchè non si è mai lasciata vedere in tutto l'anno?

### Traduzione. 62.

Courage, friends, and we shall win [the battle]! Is it possible that a man can be so daring (*ardito*)! Help! The unhappy [man] will be drowned! That impudent William has told me a falsehood! Be gone, or I shall call [for] the footman! Woe (to you), if you dare tell him one word! That coxcomb of a lawyer has told me nevertheless (*pure*), that

you wanted to speak [to] me. Oh the unhappy [persons]! They will all be lost! Hold your tongue (*transl.* be silent), you talker! You well know, that I do not believe you! Well done, boys! Be silent, hypocrite! Do you not see that mamma (*la mamma*) is there! Good gracious! I should never have thought that you were such a mighty (*sì valente*) speaker! For heaven's sake! Do not forsake me in this misfortune! Make haste! This coachman has no time to wait! *To the good health* (*evviva*) [of] our friends! This stupid porter has brought me the box of another gentleman.

## Thirty-fifth Lesson.

### Irregular Verbs.

Before beginning with the irregular verbs, we must note some *poetical* deviations in the conjugation of verbs, both regular and irregular. These anomalies are:

1. In the 3rd *Plur.* of the *Preterite* of the 1st conj. the contraction —aro for —árono is frequently met with; thus:

*Compráro*, they bought, for *comprárono*.

2. In the *Pret.* of the 3rd conj. the 3rd pers. *Sing.* terminates in —io (for —ì), and the 3rd *Plur.* in —íro (for —írono), thus:

*Sentío* (= sentì), he felt.

*Sentíro* (= sentírono), they felt.

3. In the *Conditional Mood* of *all three* conjugations the 3rd pers. *Sing.* has often —ía instead of —ebbe, and the 3rd *Plur.* —íano or —ébbono instead of —ebbero, as:

*Credéria* (= crederebbe), he would believe.

*Ameríano* or *amerébbono* (= amerebbero), they would love.

Verbs deviating from the three regular conjugations are termed *irregular*. This deviation can be twofold, i. e.:

1. The *root remains unaltered*, but instead of the regular terminations the verb assumes irregular inflexions, as: *pingere*, to paint; *Pret. pinsi* (instead of *pingerì*).

2. The root as well as the terminations are altered, as: *morire*, to die; Pres. *io muòto*, I die (inst. of *moro* or *morisco*).

*NB.* Without being really irregular, many verbs, in the *Pret.*, take a *double* form, one in *ei* and the other in *etti*. Examples:

<i>credere</i> , to believe.		<i>temere</i> , to fear.	
credéi, I believed, and credétti.		teméi, I feared, and temétti.	
credésti.		temésti.	
credè	» credétte.	temé	» temétte.
credémmo.		temémmo.	
credéste.		teméste.	
credérono	» credéttero.	temérono	» teméttero.

We at once perceive that the irregularity of these verbs is in the *1st* and *3rd pers. Sing.* and the *3rd pers. Plur.* only. By far the greater number of irregular verbs deviate merely in the *Pret.* and *Participle past*, less frequently in the *Future*, and very rarely in the *Present*. The learner should bear in mind the following rules:

1. When the *Preterite* is irregular, only the *I.* and *III. pers. Sing.* and the *III. pers. Plur.* deviate. Thus *piacére*, to please, forms:

I.	io piacquì, I pleased.	noi piacémmo.
	tu piacésti	voi piacéste.
III.	egli piacquè.	eglino piacquero.

2. When the *Future* deviates, the *Conditional* is also irregular; thus from *morire*, to die:

<i>Fut.</i>		<i>Cond.</i>	
io morirò, I shall die.		io morirei, I should die.	
tu morrai etc.		tu morrésti etc.	

Verbs that have more irregular tenses than *Preterite*, *Future*, and *Participle past*, are called *anomalous* verbs, *verbi anómali*.

We begin with the *Irregular verbs* of the

## I. Conjugation.

Derivative and compound verbs are conjugated like the *simple*. Exceptions are noted. Tenses not given here are *regular*.

1. *Andáre*, to go.*Pres. Ind.* *Vado* or *vo*, *vai*, *va*, *andiamo*, *andáte*, *vanno*.*Fut.* *Andrò*, *andrai* etc.*Pres. Subj.* *Ch'io vada*, *vada* (*vadi*)\*) *vada* *andiamo*, *andiate*, *vádano*.*Imperat.* *Va*, *váda*, *andiamo*, *andáte*, *vádano*.*Part. past.* *Andato*.2. *Stáre*, to stand, also: to be in health, to live etc.*Pres. Ind.* *Sto*, *stai*, *sta*, *stiamo*, *state*, *stanno*.*2nd. Imperf.* *Stetti*, *stesti*, *stette*, *stemmo*, *steste*, *stéttero*.*Fut.* *Starò* etc.*Imperat.* *Sta*, *stia*, *stiamo*, *state*, *stiano*.*Pres. Subj.* *Stia*, *stia* (*stii*), *stia*; *stiamo*, *stiate*, *stiano* (*stieno*).*Imp. Subj.* *Stessi* etc. 3rd Plur. *stéssero* (*stéssono*).*Condit.* *Staréi*, *staresti* etc. 3rd Plur. *starébbero* (*starébbono*).*Gerund.* *Stando*. *Part. pass.* *Stato*.3) *Dáre*, to give.*Pres. Ind.* *Do*, *dai*, *dà*, *diámo*, *date*, *danno*.*2nd. Imperf.* *Diédi* (*detti*), *desti*, *diéde* (*diè*, *détte*); *demmo*, *desde*, *diédero* (*diérono*, *déttero*, *denno*).*Fut.* *Darò*, *darai* etc.*Condit.* *Darei* etc. 3rd Plur. *darébbero* (*darébbono*).*Imperat.* *Dà*, *día*, *diamo*, *date*, *diano*.*Pres. Subj.* *Dia*, *día* (*dii*), *día*, *diamo*, *diate*, *diano* (*dieno*).*Imperf. Subj.* *Dessi* etc. 3rd Plur. *déssero* (*déssono*).*Gerund.* *Dando*. *Part. pass.* *dato*.

*Note 1.* The compounds of *dare* are *regular*, if their Infinitive has *more than three syllables*; thus *circondare*, to surround, forms in the Present: *circóndo*, *circóndi*, *circónda* etc., and not *circondò*, *circondái*, *circondà* etc. Those which have but *two syllables*, are conjugated like *dare*, thus *ridare* (to give again), *Pres.*: *ridò*, *ridai*, *ridà* etc. (and not *rido*, *ridi*, *rida*, etc.\*\*).

*Note 2.* The verbs ending in *stare* are *regular*, as: *costare*, to cost, *Pres.* *cósto*, *cósti*, *cósta* etc. Except *sottostare*, to be beneath and *soprastare* (*soprastare*), to be above, which follow *stare*\*\*\*). As to *contrastare*, the question is whether

\*) Forms in parenthesis ( ) are less used, or are poetical.

\*\*) Some verbs in *-dare* are not derived from *dare* and therefore *regular*. Such verbs are *secondare*, to assist, and *ridondare*, to overflow.\*\*\*) But also regular: *Le volte celesti che sovrastano l'universo* (Ugo Fosco.).



this verb means: *to oppose, to resist, or to deny, to dispute, to refuse*. In the first signification it is *irregular*, in the latter *regular*.

*Note 3.* Of the compounds of *andare* only *riandare*, when meaning *to examine*, is regular. In the signif. *to return* or *to go back* it is conjugated like *andare*, as: *rivado*; it is, however, but rarely used\*). *Andarsene* (to go away) is conjugated like the reflective verbs; therefore: *me ne vado, te ne vai etc.* Imper. *vattene*, begone.

### Traduzione. 68.

Where art thou going (*transl.* goest thou)? I am going (*transl.* go) home. Yesterday we *went* to the theatre and to-morrow we *shall go* to the concert. *Do go* (pol. f. with *pure*)! May I go with her? Where are you going, Gentlemen? We *should go* to the garden, if we had time. If you *would go* with him, I should *give* you a fee (*mância*, f.). *Begone* (2. Plur.)! Go to the right [hand]! We shall go to the left. How *is* your mother (fr. *stare*)? She *would feel* (fr. *stare*) better if it were warmer. *Stay* (2. Sing.) there (*lì*) and do not speak! Where *are* you *living*, gentlemen? We *live* outside the town. Why *doest* thou not give my book? I beg your pardon (*mi scusi*). I *have* already *given* it you long ago (*da molto tempo*). *Give* (2. Sing.) me (—*mmi*) my hat! Do not *give* me so much money; I (*ne*) have enough. *Give* me your (= the) hand! I *gave* (Impf.) him three marcs every day. If I *gave* you money, your brother would also ask for some [from] me. These gentlemen *give* too much money to the footman. I do not like (tr. *volere*) them to *give* [*transl.* that they *give* (Cong.)] him so much money. The river *surrounds* the town on (*da*) three sides (*lato*, m.). The courtiers *surrounded* (Pret.) the king and the queen. He *gave* (Pret.) me *back* the money which I *had given* him. How much *does* this hat *cost*? It *cost* (Pret.) me seven marcs. He *disputed* the heritage (*eredità*) with his brother. We *disputed* the ground with the enemy as long as (*finchè*) we could (here *Indic.*). When he *went* home, he *reflected* over the words. (which) he had heard against his father. Fare (fr. *stare*) well, Sir!


## II. Conjugation.

*Rule.* When the *final consonant* of the root is changed in the *Present* (*potere* — *posso*), the *new consonant* is

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\*) *Rivò* in lieu of *rivado* is not allowable.

retained in the I. and III. *Plur.* of this tense and through the whole *Present Subjunctive*. Example:

 *Solère*, to be accustomed, to use.

<i>Pres.</i>	<i>Soglio</i>	— <i>sogliamo</i>	<i>Cona.</i>	<i>Ch'io soglia</i>	— <i>noi sogliamo</i>
	<i>suoli</i>	<i>solete</i>		<i>che tu soglia</i>	<i>etc.</i>
	<i>suole</i>	<i>sogliono.</i>		<i>ch'egli soglia.</i>	

Verbs ending in *ère*\*).<sup>1</sup>

— 1. *Cadère*, to fall.

*Pres. Ind.* *Cado*, *cadi*, *cade*, *cadiamo*, *cadète*, *cádono*.

*2nd Imperf.* *Cáddi*, *cadesti*, *cadde*, *cademmo*, *cadeste*, *cáddero*. (This verb has also the regular forms *cadéi* and *cadetti*.)

*Fut.* *Cadrò etc.*

*Pres. Subj.* *Ch'io cada*, *cada*, *cada* (*caggia*); *cadiamo* (*caggiamo*), *cadiate*, *cádano* (*caggiano*).

*Imperf. Subj.* *Cadessi etc.*

*Imperat.* *Cadi*, *cadete* (*Cada*, p. f.).

*Part. past.* *Caduto*. *NB.* This verb is conjugated with the auxiliary *essere*.

Thus also *accadère*, to be done, to happen.

2. *Dolère*, to smart, to pain (usually *dolersi*, to complain).

*Pres. Ind.* *Dolgo*, *duóli*, *duole*; *dogliamo*, *dolète*; *dólgono*.

*2nd Impf.* *Dolsi*, *dolesti*, *dolse*; *dolemmo*, *doleste*, *dolsero*.

*Fut.* *Dorrò*, *dorrai etc.*

*Pres. Subj.* *Ch'io dolga etc.*, *che noi dogliamo*, *dogliate*, *dólgano*.

*Impf. Subj.* *Dolessi etc.*

*Part. past.* *Doluto* (*mi sono doluto*, I have complained, seldom used).

[3. *Dovère*, to be obliged.

*Pres. Ind.* *Devo* (*débbo*, *déggio*), I must, *devi* (*déi*), *deve* (*débbe*, *dée*); *dobbiamo*, *dovete*, *déono* (*délbono*).

*2nd Impf.* *Dovéi* and *dovetti etc.*

*Fut.* *Dovrò*, *dovrái etc.*

*Pres. Subj.* *Ch'io debba etc.*, *dobbiamo*, *dobbiate*, *débbano*.

\*) The learner should carefully distinguish, on which *e* the accent lies, whether on the *penultimate*, as in *dovère*, *vedère etc.*, or on the *antepenultimate* (*diféndere*, *préndere*), as there is nothing more offensive to the Italian ear than to hear these verbs badly accentuated. Some Latin verbs have *displaced* their accent in Italian. Thus (Lat.) *cádere*; (Ital.) *cadère*; (Lat.) *movère*, (Ital.) *muótere*. — Good Italian dictionaries indicate the correct accentuation in all doubtful cases.

*Impf. Subj.* Dovessi etc.

*Part. past.* Dovuto.

4. *Parére*, to seem\*) (with *éssere*).

*Pres. Ind.* *Páio*, *pari*, *pare*; *pariámo* (*paiamo*), *paréte*, *páiono* (*párono*).

*2nd Impf.* *Párvi*, *paresti*, *párve*; *paremmo*, *pareste*, *parvero*.

*Fut.* *Parrò*, *parrái* etc.

*Pres. Subj.* Ch'io *páia* etc.

*Impf. Subj.* *Paressi* etc.

*Part. past.* *Parso* (*paruto*).

5. *Piacére*, to please (with *éssere*).

*Pres. Ind.* *Piáccio*, *piaci*, *piace*; *piacciamo*, *piacéte*, *piácciono*.

*2nd Impf.* *Piáquí*, *piacésti*, *piáque*; *piacémmo*, *piacéste*, *piáquero*.

*Fut.* *Piacerò* etc.

*Pres. Subj.* Ch'io *piáccia* etc.

*Impf. Subj.* *Piaccessi* etc.

*Part. past.* *Piaciuto*.

In the same manner are conjugated *giacére*, to lie, to be stretched, and *tacére*, to be silent.

6. *Potére*, to be able.

*Pres. Ind.* *Póssio*, I can, *puói*, *può*; *possiamo*, *potéte*, *póssonno* (*ponno*).

*2nd Impf.* *Potéi* and *pottetti* (like *crédere*).

*Fut.* *Potrò*, *potrái* etc.

*Pres. Subj.* Ch'io *possa* (*possi*) etc.

*Impf. Subj.* *Potessi* etc.

*Part. past.* *Potuto*.

7. *Rimanére*, to remain, to stop.

*Pres. Ind.* *Rimángo*, *rimani*, *rimane*; *rimaniamo*, *rimanéte*, *rimángono*.

*2nd Impf.* *Rimási*, *rimanésti*, *rimase* etc.

*Fut.* *Rimarrò* etc.

*Pres. Subj.* Ch'io *rimánga*, *rimanga*, *rimanga*; *rimaniamo*, *rimaniate*, *rimángano*.

*Impf. Subj.* *Rimanessi* etc.

*Imperat.* *Rimani*, *rimanéte*. (*Rimanga*, p. f.)

*Part. past.* *Rimasto* or *rimaso*.

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\*) Several forms of *parere*, e. g. *pariamo*, *pariate*, *pari* etc. are identical with some forms of the verb *parare*, to adorn etc. or with other words like *parete*, wall, *parente*, relation etc. Whenever a misconception could arise, the respective form of *sembrare*, to seem, should be preferred; but both verbs are mostly used impersonally, with the following *Subjunctive*.

8. **Sapére**, to know.*Pres. Ind.* So, *sái*, *sa*; *sappiámo*, *sapéte*, *sánno*.*2nd Impf.* *Séppi*, *sapésti*, *séppe*; *sapémmo*, *sapéste*, *séppero*.*Fut.* *Saprò*, *saprái*, *saprà* etc.*Pres. Subj.* Ch'io *sáppia*, *sappi* (*sáppia*) etc.; *sappiamo*, *sappiate*, *sáppiano*.*Imp. Subj.* *Sapessi* etc.*Imperat.* *Sappi*, *sappiate*. (*Sáppia*, pol. f.)*Part. past.* *Sapúto*.9. **Sedére**, (essere seduto, assiso), to be seated; *sedersi*, to sit down.*Pres. Ind.* *Siédo* (*seggo*), *siédi*, *siéde*; *sediámò* (~~seggiámò~~), *sedéte*, *siédono* (*seggono*).*2nd Impf.* *Sedéi* and *sedétti* (like *crédere*).*Fut.* *Sederò* (*sedrò*), *sederái* etc.*Pres. Subj.* Ch'io *siéda* (*ségga*) etc., *sediámò* (*seggiámò*), *sediate* (*seggiáte*), *siédano* (*seggano*).*Impf. Subj.* *Sedéssi* etc.*Imperat.* *Siédi*; *sedete*. (*Sieda* or *segga* pol. f.)*Part. past.* *Sedúto*, *assiso*.10. **Solére**, to be accustomed. (See the defective verbs, p. 187.)11. **Tenére**, to hold, to keep.*Pres. Ind.* *Téngo*, *tiéni*, *tiéne*; *teniámò*, *tenéte*, *téngono*.*2nd Impf.* *Ténni*, *tenésti*, *ténne* etc.*Fut.* *Terrò*, *terrái*, *terrà* etc.*Pres. Subj.* Ch'io *ténga* etc., *teniámò*, *teniáte*, *téngano*.*Imperat.* *Tiéni*; *tenéte*. (*Ténga*, pol. f.)*Part. past.* *Tenúto*.12. **Valére**, to be worth.*Pres. Ind.* *Válgo*, *váli*, *vále*; *vagliámò*, *valéte*, *válgono* (*vaglióno*).*2nd Impf.* *Válsi*, *valésti* etc.*Fut.* *Varrò* etc.*Pres. Subj.* *Válga* (*váglià*) etc., *vagliámò*, *vagliáte*, *válgano* (*vágliano*).*Imp. Subj.* *Valéssi*.*Imperat.* *Váli*, *valéte*. (*Válga*, pol. f.)*Part. past.* *Valúto* (*valso*).13. **Vedére**, to see.*Pres. Ind.* *Védo* (*veggo*), *védi* (*ve'*), *véde*; *vediámò*, *vedéte*, *védonò* (*véggono*).*2nd Impf.* *Vidi*, *vedésti*, *vide*; *vedémmo*, *vedéste*, *viderò*.*Fut.* *Vedrò* etc. (*vederò*).

**Pres. Subj.** Ch'io véda (véggia, véggia) etc., vediámo (vegiámo), vediáte (veggiáte), védano (véggano, véggiano).

**Imp. Subj.** Vedéssi etc.

**Imperat.** Védi (*ve'*); vedéte. (*Véda*, pol. f.)

**Gerund.** Vedéndo (veggéndo).

**Part. past.** Vedúto (*visto*). +

#### 14. Volére, to be willing.

**Pres. Ind.** Véglio (*vo'*), vuói, vuóle; vogliámo, voléte, vógliono.

**2nd Impf.** Vólli, volésti, vólle etc. *ve' Cero*

**Fut.** Vorró, vorrái etc.

**Pres. Subj.** Ch'io vógliá etc.

**Imp. Subj.** ~~Volléssi~~ *Volléssi* etc.

**Part. past.** Volúto.

#### [Traduzione. 64.]

Yesterday I *fell* (*Pass. rem.*) from the stairs, and to-day I cannot walk (*camminare*) well. Thou *wilt fall*, if thou doest not take care (*fr. badare*). The leaves *fall* from the trees; (the) autumn (*l'autunno*) is drawing near (*transl. approaches*) (*fr. avvicinarsi*). The gallant [ones] (*i prodi*) *died* (*cadere, Pass. rem.*) for their country. Did you fall [*transl. have (essere) you fallen*], child? On this railway many accidents have happened (*accadere*) already. I *am sorry* (*fr. dolere*), to be obliged to tell you this news. I have a headache (*transl. the head aches me*). He has *complained* (in this case *lagnato*) of your unkindness (*scortesia*, f.). Do not *complain* of every trifle (*bagatella*, f.)! You must do as I told you (*transl. what I have ordered you*). (The) men *must* love each other (*Pl.*). All [men] must obey the laws. Indeed I do not know, if I shall (*Cong.*) go there. *Should I be obliged* to die, I cannot speak otherwise (*diversamente*). You do not *seem* (see the note p. 154) to know, what you ought to do. It *seemed* to me that the door was shut (*chiuso*). *Be silent* (2. Plur.)! *Be silent* (2. Sing.)! *Be silent* (pol. mode)! Why have you *concealed* (*fr. tacere*) the truth? Do only (*pure*) speak! I shall be *silent*. The watch which you *gave* (*Pret.*) him, *pleased* him much. If these flowers *would* please her, I *should* give them to her. The book would please me, if the narration (*il racconto*) did not seem so improbable. Thou *canst* come with me. I *could* (*Pret.*) not come yesterday, I had to remain at home with my mother who is ill. If we *could* do as (what) we *like* (*volere*), we should yet not be satisfied. My travelling-companions (*compagno di viaggio*) *remain* in Florence; I *shall remain* in Rome. *Stay* (pol. m.) where you are! My brother stayed (*remained*) till

11 o'clock. *Do you (p. m.) know* what he has done? I only know, that he has not kept (*mantenere*) [his] word. We know more than we say. *Mind* (fr. *sapere*, p. m.) that I shall not endure (*soffrire*) your impertinence (*impertinenza*)! Where is your sister sitting? She *sits* there, where the other ladies *sit*. I sit down by the side of my mother. This honest young man maintained his (*la*) mother [for] several years (*per molti anni*) by his own (*col proprio*) work. If I get (*ottenere*) this place, I [will] always stay here. Do you know to whom this palace belongs (*appartenere*)? No, I do not know to whom it belongs (*Conj.*). Take a seat (*sedersi*), Miss (X)! My mother will soon come (*verrà*). I kept (*Pass. rem.*) the promise (*promessa* f.) which I had made you. I *avail myself* (fr. *valersi*) of this opportunity (*opportunità*, f.) to write you a few lines (*riga*). How much is this banknote (*biglietto di banca*) worth? *Doest thou see* that cloud (*nuvola*, f.)? I *see* it now, but before I *did* not see (*Impf.*) it. I *saw* (*Pret.*) your brother yesterday; he *wanted* (*volere*, Imperf.) to go to see you (*venire a trovare*). These fools *do not see* that they will never succeed (fr. *riuscire*) thus (*così*). Didst thou not *see* that I was here? *Will* (fr. *volere*) you give me your pencil? I *will* give it you, but you *must* give it back to me (fr. *restituire*). I *would* (*Pret.*) not do what he asked (*chiese*) me. Did your aunt know that you intended to go (*would go*) with me into the country? Certainly, she did (know it). I should like to write to my friend in Milan (*Milano*), but I do not know his address (*indirizzo*).

Verbs ending in *ère* (short *e*) or with *contracted Infinitive*.

1. *Bévere* or *bere*, to drink.

*Pres. Ind.* Bévo, bévi, béve; beviámo, bevéte, bévono (béono).

*Imperf.* Bevéva (bevéa), bevévi (beévi), bevévra (bevéa) etc.

*2nd Impf.* Bevétti (bévvi), bevésti (beésti), bevétte (bévve); bevémmo (beémmo), bevéste, bevéttero (bévero).

*Fut.* Berrò, berrái (also *beverò*) etc.

*Pres. Subj.* Ch'io beva (béa) etc.; beviámo, beviáte, bévano (béano).

*Imp. Subj.* Bevéssi.

*Imperat.* Bévi; bevéte. (*Béva*, pol. f.)

*Gerund.* Bevéndo.

*Part. past.* Bevúto.

2. *Dire* (contr. from *dicere*), to say, to tell.

*Pres. Ind.* Dico, dici, dice; diciámo, díte, dicono.

<i>Imperf.</i>	Diceva etc.
<i>2nd Impf.</i>	Disse, dicesti, disse etc.
<i>Fut.</i>	Dirò, dirai etc.
<i>Pres. Subj.</i>	Ch'io dica etc., diciamo, diciate, dicano.
<i>Imp. Subj.</i>	Dicessi etc.
<i>Imperat.</i>	Di; dite. ( <i>Dica</i> , pol. f.)
<i>Gerund.</i>	Dicendo.
<i>Part. past.</i>	Detto.

3. Fare (contr. from. *fàcere*), to do, to make.

<i>Pres. Indic.</i>	Fa ( <i>fàccio</i> ), fàì, fa; facciamo, fate, fanno.
<i>Imperf.</i>	Facéva.
<i>2nd Impf.</i>	Féci, facésti, féce etc.
<i>Fut.</i>	Farò etc.
<i>Pres. Subj.</i>	Fàccia etc.
<i>Imp. Subj.</i>	Facéssi etc.
<i>Imperat.</i>	<del>Fa</del> ; fate. ( <i>Fàccia</i> , pol. f.)
<i>Gerund.</i>	Facendo.
<i>Part. past.</i>	Fatto.

For the *poetical* and *antiquated* forms of this verb see the list at the end of this book.

4. Pórre (formerly *pónere*), to put.

<i>Pres. Ind.</i>	Póngo póni, póné; poniámo ( <i>ponghiámo</i> ), ponéte, póngono.
<i>Imperf.</i>	Ponéva etc.
<i>2nd Impf.</i>	Pósi, ponésti.
<i>Fut.</i>	Porrò, porrái.
<i>Pres. Subj.</i>	Ch'io pónga etc., poniámo ( <i>ponghiámo</i> ), poniáte póngano.
<i>Imp. Subj.</i>	Ponéssi.
<i>Imperat.</i>	Póni; ponéte. ( <i>Pónga</i> , pol. f.)
<i>Part. past.</i>	Ponéndo.
<i>Gerund.</i>	Pósto.

Likewise: *comporre*, to compose, and all other compounds of *porre*.

5. Scégliere (poet. contr. *scérre*), to choose.

<i>Pres. Ind.</i>	Scélgo, scégli, scéglie; scegliámo, scegliéte, scélgono.
<i>2nd Impf.</i>	Scélsi, scegliésti, scélse etc.
<i>Fut.</i>	Sceglièrò ( <i>scerrò</i> ).
<i>Pres. Subj.</i>	Ch'io scélga ( <i>scéglia</i> ) etc.; scegliámo, scegliáte, scélgano ( <i>scéglano</i> ).
<i>Imperf.</i>	Scegliéssi etc.
<i>Imperat.</i>	Scégli; scegliéte. ( <i>Scélga</i> , pol. f.)
<i>Gerund.</i>	Scegliéndo.
<i>Part. past.</i>	Scélto.

Likewise: *sciogliere* (contr. *sciôrre*), to dissolve, and its compounds, as: *disciogliere*, *prosciogliere* etc.; *cogliere* (contr. *corre*) to gather, and its compounds, as: *raccogliere*, to get in the harvest, to reap; *togliere* (contr. *torre*) to take away, and its compounds, as: *distogliere* or *distorre*, to turn away.

6. *Spégnere*, to extinguish.      3 3

*Pres. Ind.* Spéngo (*spégno*), spégni, spégne; spegniámo, spegnéte, spéngono (*spégnono*).

*2nd Impf.* Spénsi, spegnesti, spénse etc.

*Fut.* Spegnerò etc.

*Pres. Subj.* Ch'io spénga (*spégna*); spegniámo (*spengiamo*), spegniáte, spéngano (*spégnano*).

Likewise: *cingere*, to gird; *spingere*, to push forward; *stringere*, to press; *tingere*, to dye, and compounds. Besides: *feignere*, to feign; *frangere* (poet.), to break; *giungere*, to arrive; *mungere*, to milk; *piangere*, to weep; *pingere*, to paint; *pungere*, to prick.

7. *Trárrre* (contr. from *tráere*), to draw, to pull.

*Pres. Ind.* Trággo, trái, tráe; traiámo, traáte, trággono.

*Imperf.* Traéva.

*2nd Impf.* Trássi, traésti, trásse etc.

*Fut.* Trarrò, trarrái etc.

*Pres. Subj.* Ch'io trágga etc., traiámo, traiáte, trággano.

*Imp. Subj.* Traéssi etc.

*Imperat.* Trái; traáte. (*Trágga*, pol. f.)

*Gerund.* Traéndo.

*Part. past.* Tratto.

Likewise: *attrárrre*, to attract; *contrárrre*, to contract etc.

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What art thou *drinking*? I am *drinking* a glass of beer. Yesterday I also drank [of] this beer, and it agrees with me well (*e mi fa bene*). We have drunk chocolate (*cioccolata*, f.). Will you take (drink) a glass of wine with me? I shall willingly drink a glass of wine. Let us drink to the health of our king! What do you say? I say nothing, and I have said nothing. Tell the cook (*la cuoca*), that we shall dine (*pranzáre*) at two o'clock to-day. He told me that his brother had (= was) arrived (*Ind. Imp.*). Saying (*Ger.*) these words he took (= drew) the letter from his pocket (*di tasca*) and showed it to us all. God bless (*Imperat.*) your work! We do what we can, what more do you wish [*transl.* what will you more (*di più*)]? I made him (*Pret.*) reproaches (*rimpróvero*), but all was in vain (*inútile*). Do me the favour to tell me which cloth (*stoffa*, f.) you have chosen. Have you done your translation? I am doing it this moment. After



dinner (*Questo dopo pranzo*) I shall do the rest. Put the flowerpot (*vaso da fiori*) here (*qua*)! The mayor (*Il sindaco*) will lay the first stone (*la pietra*) of the new town-hall. Put off your hat and your over-coat and sit down! Which gloves do you choose? I shall choose the yellow and the black [ones]. I have chosen several books, but I should like to know before what they cost. I extinguished the lamp, when it became (*farsi*) day. What should we do, if our uncle would not draw us from this embarrassment (*impaccio*)? Your cigar (*sigaro*, m.) is extinguished (fr. *spégnersi*); will you [have] another? The merchant drew (*Pass. rem.*) three bills on (*su*) London, and two on Berlin. We have explained to him how the matter is (*stare*), now he must tell us what we are to do [must do] under (*in*) these circumstances (*circostanza*).

### III. Conjugation.

The number of verbs in *ire* that form the *Present* only in -o (regul.), is very limited. They are:

<i>Bollire</i> , to boil.	<i>sdruscire</i> , to unsow. <i>semare</i>
<i>cucire</i> , to sew.	<i>seguire</i> , to follow.
<i>dormire</i> , to sleep.	<i>sentire</i> , to feel.
<i>fuggire</i> , to fly.	<i>servire</i> , to serve.
<i>partire</i> , to depart.	<i>sortire</i> , to go out; to obtain.
<i>pentirsi</i> , to repent.	<i>vestire</i> , to clothe.

NB. *Partire* (better *ripartire*) when meaning to *divide*, forms *partisco*, and when meaning to *depart* forms *parto*. *Sortire* forms *sortisco* etc., I obtain, I choose by sort..., and *sorto*, I go out. The compounds generally follow the conjugation of the simple verbs; only the compounds of *seguire*, as: *eseguire*, to execute; *conseguire*, to obtain etc. prefer -isco.

The following verbs form the *Present* both in *o* and in -isco, yet the ending *o* is preferable in colloquial language:

<i>Aborrire</i> , to abhor.	<i>ferire</i> , to wound*).
<i>applaudire</i> (obsol. <i>applaudere</i> ), to applaud.	<i>garrire</i> , to sing (of birds).
<i>assorbire</i> , to absorb.	<i>inghiottire</i> , to swallow.
<i>avvertire</i> , to advertise.	<i>lambire</i> , to lick (-o is poet.).
<i>convertire</i> , to convert.	<i>languire</i> , to languish.
<i>divertire</i> , to divert.	<i>mentire</i> , to lie.
	<i>muggire</i> , to bellow, to roar.

\*) In the first person only *ferisco*. Ancient and poet. forms are *feri* = *ferisci*; *ferere* = *ferisce*; *fera* = *ferisca*.

<i>nutrire</i> , to feed.	<i>ruggire</i> , to roar.
<i>partire</i> , to depart (-o); to divide (-isco).	<i>sortire</i> , to go out (-o); to succeed (-isco).
<i>patire</i> , to suffer (-o is poet.).	<i>sovertire</i> , to overthrow, to subvert.
<i>perire</i> , to perish (-o is obsol.).	<i>salire</i> , to go up . . . ; to mount
<i>pervertire</i> , to pervert.	<i>tossire</i> , to cough. [(see 3).
<i>putire</i> , to stink (-o obsolescent).	

### Irregular verbs of the III. Conjugation.

#### 1. Apparire, to appear.

*Pres. Ind.* Apparisco (appaio), apparisci, apparisce (appare);  
appariamo, apparite, appariscono (appaiono).

*2nd Impf.* Apparii (apparvi), apparisti, apparì (appârve) etc.

*Pres. Subj.* Ch'io apparisca (appaia) etc.; ch'egliino appariscano (appaiano).

*Imperat.* Apparisci; apparite\*).

*Part. past.* Appârso.

Likewise: *comparire*, to appear; *sparire*, *scomparire*, to vanish, to disappear; *trasparire*, to shine through etc.

*Note.* The learner should be careful not to mistake certain forms of this verb for those of *apparare*, to apparel, and *appaiare*, to couple, to confound. The *Part. pres.* of *apparire* is *appariscente* or *apparente*. The compounds, like *trasparire*, to shine through, have only *-ente*; thus: *trasparente*.

#### 2. Morire, to die.

*Pres. Ind.* Io muóio (muóro), muóri, muóre; moriámo, morite, muóiono (muórono).

*Fut.* Morrò (morirò).

*Pres. Subj.* Ch'io muóia (muóra) etc.; moriámo, moriáte, muóiano (muórano).

*Imperat.* Muóri, morite.

*Part. past.* Mórto.

#### 3. Salire, to ascend, to climb, to mount.

*Pres. Ind.* Ságo (salisco), sali (salisci), sále (salisce); saliámo, salite, sálgono (saliscono).

*Fut.* Salirò (sarrò).

*Pres. Subj.* Ch'io sálga (salisca) etc.; saliámo, sagliáte, sálgano (saliscano\*\*).

*Part. past.* Salito.

\* Henceforth we shall omit the *polite form*, which is always taken from the 3. pers. of the Subj. pres.

\*\* Besides the reg. Pret. there are also the obsolete forms *salsi*, *salse*, *sálsero*. The forms of *salire* which are identical with those of *salare*, to salt, are written with *gl*; thus: *sagliamo*, we mount; but *saliamo*, we salt.

4. *Udire*, to hear.*Pres. Ind.* *Odo, odi, ode*; *udiamo, udite, ódono.**Pres. Subj.* *Ch'io oda* etc.; *udiamo, udiatè, ódano.*All other tenses are regular. (*Fut. udrò or udirò.*)5. *Uscire* (obs. *escire*), to go out.*Pres. Ind.* *Ésco, esci, esce*; *usciamo (esciamo), uscite (escite), ésono.**Pres. Subj.* *Ch'io esca* etc.; *usciamo (esciamo), usciate, éscano.**Imperat.* *Esci; uscite.**Gerund.* *Uscendo; P. p. uscito (escito).*6. *Venire*, to come.*Pres. Ind.* *Vengo, vieni, viene*; *veniamo, venite, véngono.**2nd Impf.* *Venni, venisti, venne, venimmo* etc.*Fut.* *Verrò, verrai* etc.*Pres. Subj.* *Ch'io venga* etc.; *veniamo, veniate, véngano.**Imperat.* *Viéni (antiq. vie'); venite.**Gerund.* *Venendo.**Part. pres.* *Veniente (vegnente).**Part. past.* *Venuto.*Likewise: *convenire*, to be convenient; *pervenire*, to arrive at, to reach.Irregular in the *Preterite* and *Participle past.* are the following verbs:

	<i>Pret.</i>	<i>P. p.</i>
<i>Aprire</i> , to open ( <i>Pres. -o</i> ).	<i>aprii</i> and <i>apersi.</i>	<i>aperto.</i>
<i>coprire</i> , to cover.	<i>coprii</i> and <i>copersi.</i>	<i>coperto.</i>
( <i>scoprire</i> , to discover; <i>riscoprire</i> , to discover again.)		
<i>offrire</i> ( <i>offerire</i> ), to offer ( <i>Pres. -o and -isco</i> ).	<i>offrii</i> and <i>offersi.</i>	<i>offerto.</i>
<i>soffrire</i> , to suffer.		
<i>seppellire</i> , to bury ( <i>Pres. -isco</i> ).	reg. p. p. <i>seppellito</i> ; irr. <i>sepolto</i> ( <i>sepulto</i> ).	
<i>costruire</i> , to build ( <i>Pres. -isco</i> ).	<i>costruii</i> and <i>costrussi.</i>	<i>costruito</i>
<i>istruire</i> , to instruct.		[and <i>costrutto</i> ..]

The verb *empiere*, to fill, is, in the modern language, more used in the form of *empire* and is conjugated: *Pres. émpio, émpi, empie, empiamo, empite, émpiono.* *2nd Impf. empíi.* *Subj. pres. empia* etc. *Part. past. empíuto* and *empito.* Likewise the following: *riempire* (*riempiere*), to fill again; *adempire* (*adempiere*), to fulfil (a duty).

## Promiscuous exercises on the irregular verbs.

## Traduzione. 66.

What did he do (*Pret.*)? What shall we do? Where are these ladies going? They would go to the play, if the weather were (*transl.*: if it made) not so bad. As there is so little room in the hall, only the ladies will have seats (*transl.* will sit). If you wish (will) me to do (*Subj.*) something for you, you must send me a procuration (*procura*, f.). I don't know, if he comes (*Subj.*) hither; but if he should come, I would offer him hospitality (*ospitalità*) in my [own] house. Yesterday we saw the famous Ristori and we shall hear Patti (*la P.*) one of these days. We say what we have heard. That cannot be true; who has told (it) you? Tell him that I shall keep (*mantenere*) my promise. His brother is an idler (*poltrone*); but there will soon be (come) the time when (*che*) he will repent (of) his laziness (*pigrizia*, f.). I shall stay in Venice, and you will stay in Milan. He stayed (*Pret.*) two months in Triest. The theatre pleased (*Pret.*) me much. Does this singer please you? Be silent! Your words do not please me. I am putting these books upon the others. A tomb-stone (*lápide*, f.) was placed on the place where the brave [man] had died. For the jubilee (*Per l'anniversario*) of Michelangelo Buonarroti the German artists placed (fr. *deporre*) a silver crown (*coróna*, f.) on his grave (*sepólcro*).

## Traduzione. 67.

The prophets (*I proféti*) predicted (*Pret.*) the arrival (*la venúta*) of Christ. The Mohamedan (*Il Maomettáno*) drinks no wine. A man fell into the river, and when he was drawn out, he was already dead. From this document (*documento*) I drew very important notes (*notizia*). Socrates (*Sócrate*) emptied (drank) the hemlock-juice (*la cicúta*) and died. What books has he chosen? What have you drunk? The light (candle) is extinguished (*spegnersi*). The rain extinguished (*Pret.*) the flames (*fiamma*). He has chosen [for himself] the poems of Count Leopardi. [He] who sows (*seminare*) wind, will reap (*raccogliere*) storm (*tempésta*). The lamp is going out (*morire*), there is no more oil (*olio*, m.) in it (*vi*). The horse kicked (*trarre*) and hit (*colpire*) the poor coachman on his breast (*al petto*). He will draw a bill [of exchange] on Paris. In the middle ages (*Nel medio evo*) the catholics (*i cattólici*) built (*Pret.*) many fine churches. To-morrow morning I [shall] ascend the hill to see the rising sun (*il levar del sole*). Since I regularly go out every day, my headache (*il mal di testa*) has (= is) disappeared. An

angel appeared to him from the East (*oriente*, m.). Geoffrey (*Goffrèdo*) appeared with his warriors (*guerriero*) before the walls (*le mura*) of Jerusalem. I am coming with my whole family. Cæsar (*Cèsare*) came, saw and conquered (*vinse*). The coming year will be fertile. Who has (= is) come? I am dying from hunger (*di fame*). He died far from his dear home (*pàtria*). He will die the death of a traitor (*del traditore*). I have fulfilled my duty. He went upstairs. I am going out this moment. We are not going out to-day. Have you opened the door? An Italian discovered America.

### Diálogo.

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| Che cosa fa (Ella) qui alla stazione?   | Aspetto mio fratello che viene da Milano.   |
| Dove andrà (Ella) stasera?  | Andrò al teatro con mia zia.  |
| Ho udito che tuo padre è ammalato, é egli in letto?                             | No, ma non può ancora uscire di casa.   |
| Potrò (io) venire da lei domani?  | Non so se sarò a casa.  |
| Mi fu detto che siete stati al ballo ieri; è vero?                              | No, siamo stati trattenuti da una visita d'uno zio di Parigi.   |
| È piaciuto il mazzo di fiori à Sua sorella?                                     | Sì, le piacque assai.   |
| A chi sarà posta una lapide ( <i>tomb-stone</i> )?                              | Al generoso C. che tanto fece pel bene dei poveri.  |
| Quale di questi libri sceglierà (Ella)?   | Sceglierò l'Orlando furioso dell'Ariosto e la Divina Commedia di Dante.   |
| E diligente suo cugino?   | È diligentissimo; va volentieri a scuola e studia con amore ( <i>with pleasure</i> ).                                     |
| Devo uscire o restare a casa?   | Faccia quel che vuole; ma credo che sarebbe meglio per Lei di uscire un poco.   |
| Quanto vale oggi la réndita ( <i>annuity</i> ) italiana?                        | Oggi vale novantanove e cinquanta e domani varrà forse di più.  |
| Scelga uno di questi cappelli! Scusi, dove posso trovare la casa del Sig. N.?   | Mi dia quello che tiene in mano! Mi pare che sia la prima che si vede laggiù ( <i>down there</i> ) dirimpetto al palazzo. |
| Mi duole di non poterle dare un' indicazione migliore!                          | È sempre meglio del non averne alcuna.  |
| Mi spedisca la mia roba, e faccia in modo che mi pervenga per la fine del mese! | Gliela spedirò a grande velocità ( <i>by express train</i> ), affinché l'abbia fra pochi giorni.                          |

Avete aperto le finestre?  
È morto l'ammalato?

Le aprirò subito.  
No, no. Speriamo anzi (*even*)  
che non morrà.

### Reading Exercise.

#### Sonetto all'Italia.

(Filicaia.)\*

Italia, Italia, o tu cui feo la sorte  
Dono infelice di bellezza, onde hai  
Funesta dote d'infiniti guai,  
Che in fronte scritti per gran doglia porte:

O fossi tu men bella, o almen più forte,  
Onde assai più ti paventasse, o assai  
Ti amasse men chi del tuo bello ai rai  
Par che si strugga e pur ti sfida a morte!\*\*)

Che or giù dalle Alpi non vedrei torrenti  
Scender d'armati, nè di sangue tinta  
Bever l'onda del Po gallici armenti.

Nè te vedrei del non tuo ferro cinta  
Pagnar col braccio di straniero genti,  
Per servir sempre, o vincitrice, o vinta.

#### Words.

*Feo*, inst. of *fece*.  
*il dono*, the gift.  
*onde*, whereby.  
*la dote*, the dowry.  
*i guai*, pl. the woes.  
*la fronte*, the forehead.  
*scritto*, written.  
*porte*, inst. of *porti*, thou bearest.  
*almeno*, at least.  
*forte*, strong.  
*paventare*, to fear, to be afraid.  
*assai — meno*, much less.  
*l'armento*, the flock.

*il ferro*, the iron, sword.  
*pugnare*, to fight.  
*la gente*, people; *le genti*, the nations.  
*la vincitrice*, the victress.  
*il bello*, for *la bellezza*.  
*rai*, for *raggi*, beams.  
*pare*, from *parère*, to seem.  
*strüggerst*, to long for.  
*sfidare*, to challenge, to assault.  
*che*, that.  
*giù*, down.  
*il torrente*, the torrent.

\*) Vincenzo Filicaia 1642—1707, one of the most celebrated epic-lyric poets of Italy. This sonnet, his master-piece, has been freely translated by Lord Byron in his «Childe Harold»:

Italia, oh Italia, thou who hast  
The fatal gift of beauty, which became  
A funeral dower of present woes and past etc.

\*\*) The construction is: *Onde* (so that) *chi* (he who) *pare che si strugga ai rai del tuo bello, e che pure ti sfida a morte, ti paventasse assai più o ti amasse assai meno*.

<i>scendere</i> , to descend.	<i>non tuo</i> , not thine = foreign.
<i>l'armato</i> , the armed man, the warrior.	<i>cinta</i> , Part. past. of <i>cingere</i> , to gird.
<i>tinta</i> , Part. pass. of <i>tingere</i> , to dye.	<i>straniero</i> , -a, foreign.
<i>il sangue</i> , the blood.	<i>servire</i> , to serve.
<i>l'onda</i> , the wave.	<i>vinto</i> , -a, Part. pass. of <i>vincere</i> , to win, to conquer.
<i>gallico</i> , -a, Gallic, French.	

## Thirty-sixth Lesson.

### The Irregular Verbs continued.

The following verbs deviate from the regular conjugation in the *Preterite*, *Participle past* and sometimes in the *Futuro*. All the other tenses are regular.

#### I.

a) *Pret. cqui. P. p. in to.*

*Nascere*, to be born. *Pret. nacqui, nascesti, nacque etc. Part. p. nato.*

*Nuocere*, to harm. *Pret. nocqui, nocesti etc. Part. p. nociuto.*

Likewise: *piacere, giacere* and *tacere*.

b) *Pret. in bbi. P. p. regular.*

*Avère*, to have. *Pret. ebbi. P. p. avuto.*

— *Conoscere*, to know. *Pret. conobbi, conoscesti etc. P. p. conosciuto.*

*Crêscere*, to grow. *Pret. crebbi, crescesti etc. P. p. cresciuto.*

Likewise: *decrêscere*, to decrease; *riconoscere*, to acknowledge  
*disconoscere*, to mistake.

#### II.

a) *Pret. in ppi. P. p. in tto.*

— *Rompere*, to break. *Pret. ruppi, rompesti etc. P. p. rotto.*

b) *Pret. in ppi. P. p. in to.*

*Sapère*, to know (see p. 162).

## III.

a) Pret. in *si*. Pret. in *so*.1. Verbs in *dere* and *ndere*.

	Pret.	P. p.
<i>Accendere</i> , to light, to inflame.	<i>accesi, accendesti etc.</i>	<i>acceso.</i>
<i>Apprendere</i> , to learn.	<i>appresi, apprendesti etc.</i>	<i>appreso.</i>
<i>Arridere</i> , to smile upon.	<i>arrisi, arridesti.</i>	<i>arriso.</i>
<i>Confondere</i> , to confound, to entangle.	<i>confusi, confondesti.</i>	<i>confuso.</i>
— <i>Chiudere</i> , to shut.	<i>chiusi</i> *), <i>chiudesti.</i>	<i>chiuso.</i>
Likewise: <i>conchiudere</i> , to conclude; <i>inchiudere</i> , to contain; <i>rinchiudere</i> , to contain etc.		
<i>Deludere</i> , to deceive.	Pret. <i>delusi, deludesti etc.</i>	P. p. <i>deluso.</i>
Likewise: <i>alludere</i> , to allude; <i>illudere</i> , to delude, and the antiquated <i>ludere</i> , to play.		
<i>Difendere</i> , to defend.	<i>difesi, difendesti.</i>	<i>difeso.</i>
<i>Dividere</i> , to divide.	<i>divisi, dividesti.</i>	<i>diviso.</i>
<i>Decidere</i> , to decide.	<i>decisi, decidesti.</i>	<i>deciso.</i>
<i>Escludere</i> , to exclude.	<i>esclusi, escludesti etc.</i>	<i>escluso.</i>
Likewise: <i>includere</i> , to include.		
<i>Persuadere</i> , to persuade.	Pret. <i>persuasi, persuadesti.</i>	P. p. <i>persuaso.</i>
Likewise: <i>dissuadere</i> , to dissuade.		
<i>Elidere</i> , to drop (a letter).	Pret. <i>elisi, elidesti.</i>	P. p. <i>eliso.</i>
<i>Evadere</i> , to evade.	Pret. <i>evasi, evadesti.</i>	P. p. <i>evaso.</i>
Likewise: <i>invadere</i> , to invade.		
† <i>Scendere</i> , to descend.	Pret. <i>scesi, scendesti.</i>	P. p. <i>sceso.</i>
Likewise: <i>ascendere</i> , to ascend; <i>discendere</i> , to descend.		
	Pret.	P. p.
<i>Fondere</i> , to melt.	<i>fusi, fondesti.</i>	<i>fuso.</i>
<i>Incidere</i> , to engrave.	<i>incisi, incidesti.</i>	<i>inciso.</i>
<i>Intrudere</i> , to intrude.	<i>intrusi, intrudesti.</i>	<i>intruso.</i>
* <i>Ledere</i> , to hurt, to wound.	<i>lesi, ledesti.</i>	<i>leso.</i>
<i>Mordere</i> , to bite.	<i>morsi, mordesti.</i>	<i>morso.</i>
<i>Nascondere</i> , to hide.	<i>nascosi, nascondesti.</i>	<i>nascosto</i> **).
<i>Offendere</i> , to offend.	<i>offesi, offendesti.</i>	<i>offeso.</i>
<i>Sospendere</i> , to suspend.	<i>sospesi, sospendesti.</i>	<i>sospeso.</i>
<i>Prendere</i> , to take.	<i>presi, prendesti.</i>	<i>preso.</i>
Likewise: <i>intraprendere</i> , to undertake; <i>sorprendere</i> , to astonish etc.		

\*) Also: *chiudei* and *chiudetti*.\*\*) Rather than *nascoso* or poet. *ascoso*.



*Rádere*, to erase, to scratch out a letter. Pret. *rasi*, *radesti*.  
P. p. *raso*.

*Ridere*, to laugh. Pret. *risi*, *ridesti*. P. p. *riso*.

Likewise: *sorrídere*, to smile; *arrídere*, to smile upon.

*Réndere*, to give back, to render. Pret. *resi*, *rendesti*. P. p. *reso*.

*Spéndere*, to spend. Pret. *spesi*\*), *spendesti*. P. p. *speso*.

*Téndere*, to extend, to be eager. Pret. *tesi*, *tendesti*. P. p. *teso*.

Likewise: *inténdere*, to hear, to understand; *sténdere*, to stretch; *pretendere*, to pretend.

*Uccidere*, to kill. Pret. *uccisi*, *uccidesti*. P. p. *ucciso*.

## 2. in gere.

*Arrógere*, to join, to add. Pret. (*arrosi*), (*arrogesti*). P. p. (*arroso*).

*Sprágere*, to spill, to disperse. Pret. *sparsi*, *spargesti*. P. p. *sparso*.

## 3. in lere.

*Espéllere*, to expel. Pret. *espulsi*, *espellesti*. P. p. *espulso*.

Likewise: *impellere*, to incite.

## 4. in rdere.

*Ardere*, to burn. Pret. *arsi*, *ardesti*. P. p. *arso*.

Likewise: *riárdere*, to dry.

*Corródere*, to corrode. Pret. *corrósi*, *corrodesti*. P. p. *corróso*.

*Pérdere*, to lose. Pret. *persi*\*\*), *perdesti*. P. p. *perso*.

## 5. in rgere.

*Spérgere* (*dispérgere*), to scatter, to disperse. Pret. *spersi*, *spergesti*. P. p. *sperso*.

Likewise: *aspérgere*, to asperse; *dispérgere*, to scatter; *cospérgere*, to wet.

*Mérgere*, to dive. Pret. (*mersi*), (*mergesti*). P. p. (*merso*).

Likewise: *immérgere*, to immerse; *sommérgere*, to submerge.

*Térgere*, to clean, to wipe. Pret. *tersi*, *tergesti*. P. p. *terso*.

## 6. in rere.

*Córrere*, to run. Pret. *corsi*, *corresti*. P. p. *corso*.

Likewise: *discórrere*, to talk, to discourse; *accórrere*, to run to . .; *incórrere*, to incur; *percórrere*, to run through, over; *ricórrere*, to recur; *concórrere*, to concur.

\*) Also *spendei* and *spendetti*.

\*\*) Or: Pret. *perdei* or *perdetti*. P. p. *perduto*.

## IV.

*Pret. in si. Pret. in ssq.*

*Mettere*, to put. *Pret. misi, mettesti. P. p. messo.*

Likewise: *commettere*, to commit; *omettere*, to omit; *ammettere*, to admit; *permettere*, to permit; *promettere*, to promise; *compromettere*, to compromise; *scommettere*, to bet; *sottomettere*, or *sommettere*, to submit; *rimettere*, to remit etc.

## V.

*Pret. in si. Pret. in to.*

1. Verbs in *dere*.

*Intridere*, to mingle. *Pret. intrisi, intridesti. P. p. intriso* (also poet. *intrito*).

2. in *gnere* and *ngere*.

*Cingere* (*cignere*), to gird. *Pret. cinsi, cingesti. P. p. cinto.*

*Giungere* (*Giugnere*), to arrive. *Pret. giunsi, giungesti. P. p. giunto.*

Likewise: *congiungere*, to join; *disgiungere*, to disjoin; *raggiungere*, to rejoin; *soggiungere*, to add; *aggiungere*, to adjoin etc.

*Piangere*, to weep, to cry. *Pret. piansi, piangesti. P. p. pianto.*

Likewise: *compiangere*, to complain, to pity.

\**Frangere*, to break. *Pret. fransi, frangesti. P. p. franto.*

Likewise: *infrangere*, to break; *rifrangere*, to refract.

*Fingere*, to feign. *Pret. finsi, fingesti. P. p. finto.*

*Mungere*, to milk. *Pret. munsì, mungesti. P. p. munto.*

*Pingere* (and *pignere*) to paint. *Pret. pinsi, pingesti. P. p. pinto.*

Likewise: *dipingere*, to paint, to depict.

*Pungere*, to prick. *Pret. punsi, pungesti. P. p. punto.*

Likewise: *compungere*, to afflict, to make contrite.

*Spingere* and *spignere*, to drive, to thrust. *Pret. spinsi, spingesti. P. p. spinto.*

Likewise: *respingere*, to push back; *sospingere*, to drive forward.

— *Stringere* (*strignere*), to press together. *Pret. strinsi, stringesti. P. p. stretto.*

Likewise: *costringere*, to constrain; *astringere*, to astringe; (*re-*) *ristringere*, to restrain.

*Tingere* (*tignere*), to tinge. Pret. *tinsi*, *tingesti*. P. p. *tinto*.

Likewise: *intingere*, to immerse; *ritingere*, to dye again; *stingere*, to lose colour.

*Smùgnere*, to dry up, like *ùgnere*.

*Ugnere* or *ùgnere*, to anoint. Pret. *unsi*, *ungesti*. P. p. *unto*.

### 3. in *lgere*.

*Vòlgere*, to turn. Pret. *volsi*, *volgesti*. P. p. *volto*.

Likewise: *svòlgere*, to turn away, to untwist; *divòlgere*, *disvòlgere*, to unfold; *travòlgere*, *stravòlgere*, to turn over, to tumble; *sconvòlgere*, to turn round etc.

### 4. in *mere*.

*Assumere*, to assume. Pret. *assunsi*, *assumesti*. P. p. *assunto*\*).

Likewise: *presumere*\*\*), to presume; *riassumere*, to reassume.

### 5. in *ncere*.

*Vincere*, to win, conquer. Pret. *vinsi*, *vincesti*. P. p. *vinto*.

Likewise: *convincere*, to convince.

### 6. in *ndere*.

*Spàndere*, to shed, to spill. Pret. *spansi*, *spandesti*. P. p. *spanto* (in its stead *sperso* from *spargere* is frequently employed).

*Scindere*, to divide, to part. Pret. *scissi*, *scindesti*. P. p. *scisso*.

### 7. in *nguere*.

*Distinguere*, to distinguish. Pret. *distinsi*, *distinguesti*. P. p. *distinto*.

Likewise: *estinguere*, to extinguish.

### 8. in *ncere*.

*Tòrcere*, to turn (fathom etc.). Pret. *tòrsi*, *torcesti*. P. p. *torto*.

Likewise: *stòrcere*, to distort; *contòrcere*, to contort; *ritòrcere*, to turn back.

### 9. in *rgere*.

(*Accòrgere*) *accòrgersi*, to perceive. Pret. *accorsi*, *accorresti*. P. p. *accorto*.

\*) *La festa dell'Assunta*, Assumption day.

\*\*) Also Pret. *presumei* and *presumetti*.

*Porgere*, to offer, to present. Pret. *porsi*, *porgesti*. P. p. *porto*.

*Sorgere*, to rise. Pret. *sorsi*, *sorgesti*. P. p. *sorto*.

Likewise: *insorgere*, to revolt; *assorgere* (*assurgere*), to rise to swallow.

#### 10. in *vere*.

\* *Volvere* and *involvere* (see *volvere*).

*Scrivere*, to write. Pret. *scrissi*, *scrivesti*. P. p. *scritto*.

Likewise: *inscrivere*, to inscribe; *prescrivere*, to prescribe etc.

*Assolvere*, to absolve. Pret. *assolsi*, *assolvesti*. P. p. *assolto*)\*.

*Risolvere*, to resolve. Pret. *risolsi*\*\*), *risolvesti*. P. p. *risolto*\*\*).

### VI.

Pret. in *ssi*. Part. pass. in *ssu*.

#### 1. Verbs in *dere*.

*Cedere*, to cede, to yield. Pret. *cessi*, *cedesti*. P. p. *cesso*\*\*\*).

Likewise: *concedere*, to allow, to concede; *procedere*, to proceed; *precedere*, to precede; *retrocedere*, to retrocede; *succedere*, to succeed†).

#### 2. in *gere* and *ggere*.

*Figgere*, to fix. Pret. *fissi*, *figgesti*. P. p. *fisso* (adj.); *fitto* (fixed).

The compounds: *affiggere*, to affix, *crocifiggere*, to crucify, form the Partic. pass. in *ssu*, as: *crocifisso*.

#### 3. in *mere*.

*Deprimere*, to depress. Pret. *depressi*, *deprimesti*. P. p. *depresso*.

Likewise: *esprimere*, to express; *comprimere*, to compress; *imprimere*, to impress; *opprimere*, to oppress; *sopprimere*, to suppress.

#### 4. in *tere* and *ttire*.

*Percuotere*, to beat. Pret. *percossi*, *percuotesti*. P. p. *percosso*.

Likewise: *scuotere*, to toss, to shake; *riscuotere*, to amass money.

\* The Part. *assoluto* means: *absolute*.

\*\* Also Pret. *risolvei* and *risolvetti*. P. p. *risoluto*.

\*\*\* Preferably: Pret. *cedei* and *cedetti*. P. p. *ceduto*.

† The compounds do not exactly follow the simple verb *cedere*. Thus we cannot say *accessi* and *accesso*, but *accedei* and *acceduto*. It is the same with *eccedere* and *procedere*, though some examples to the contrary may be found.

*Annèttère*, to annex. Pret. *annessi*, *annèttesti*. P. p. *annessò*.

Likewise: *connèttère*, to connect.

*Riflèttère*, to reflect. Pret. *riflessi*, *riflèttesti*. P. p. *riflessò*.

Likewise: *genuflèttère*, to kneel down.

### 5. in uere and vere.

*Influère*, to influence. Pret. *influssi*, *influesti*. P. p. *influsso*.

(Very rare. *influire*, Pr. *-isco*, P. p. *influito* are used instead.)

*M(u)òvere*, to move. Pret. *mossi*, *movesti*. P. p. *mosso*.

Likewise: *commuòvere*, to move, to touch; *rimuòvere*, to remove; *smuòvere*, to push forward; *dismuòvere*, to turn aside; *promuòvere*, to promote.

## VII.

Pret. in *ssi*. Part. pass. in *tto*.

### 1. Verbs in cere.

*Cuócere*, to cook, to bake. Pret. *cossi*, *cuocesti*. P. p. *cotto*.

*Lúcere*, } to shine. Pret. *lussi*\*, *lucesti*. P. p. not in use.  
*Rilúcere*, }

### 2. in gere and ggere.

*Affliggere*, to afflict. Pret. *afflissi*, *affliggesti*. P. p. *afflitto*.

Likewise: *infliggere*, to inflict etc.

*Corrèggere*, to correct. Pret. *corressi*, *correggesti*. P. p. *corretto*.

*Dirigere*, to direct. Pret. *diressi*, *dirigesti*. P. p. *diretto*.

Likewise: *erigere* or *erèggere*, to erect\*\*).

*Friggere*, to fry. Pret. *frissi*, *friggesti*. P. p. *fritto*.

*Lèggere*, to read. Pret. *lessi*, *leggesti*. P. p. *letto*.

Likewise: *elèggere*, to elect.

\**Negligere*, to neglect. Pret. *neglessi*, *negligesti*. P. p. *negletto*.

*Règgere*, to govern. Pret. *ressi*, *reggesti*. P. p. *retto*.

*Strùggere*, to dissolve (*struggersi*, to long). Pret. *strussi*, *struggesti*. P. p. *strutto*.

Likewise: *distrùggere*, to dissolve, to destroy.

### 3. in rre.

We have said before that the Infinitives in *àere*, *gliere*, *nere* and *ùcere* are often contracted into *rre*

\*) Seldom used. Also *lucei* and *lucetti*.

\*\*) Less frequently: *èrgere*. Pret. *ersi*, *ergesti* etc.

(*trdere* = *trarre*; *scegliere* = *scerre*; *ponere* = *porre*; . . . *ducere* = . . . *durre*). Of these Infinitives either both terminations are in use, or the *contracted* form only is admissible, the other being obsolete, as: *addurre*, formerly *adducere*.

From this contracted Infinitive mood are formed: the *Future*, the *Conditional*, and the *Participle past*. Ex.:

<i>Inf.</i>	<i>Fut.</i>	<i>Cond.</i>	<i>P. p.</i>
<i>Trarre</i> , to draw.	<i>Trarrò.</i>	<i>Trarrei.</i>	<i>Tratto.</i>

The *Present* has the full form, though generally *irregular*; the *Imperfect Indicative* and *Subjunctive* are regular.

Besides the verbs *bere*, *porre*, and *trarre*, which we have enumerated among the *aregular verbs*, there are to be mentioned *cogliere*, *scegliere* etc. (see p. 158 and 159), in which the full forms *coglierò*, *toglierò*, *sceglierò*, *scioglierò* often replace the contracted Future *torrò*, *scerrò*.

*Addurre* (formerly *adducere*), to lead. Pres. *adduco*. Pret. *addussi*, *adducesti*. P. p. *addotto*.

Likewise: *condurre*, to conduct; *produrre*, to produce; *sedurre*, to seduce etc.

#### NOTE.

For the sake of euphony the verbs in *lère* and *nère* contract their Future tense into *rrò*, as:

*Tenère*, to hold. Fut. *terrò* (not *tenrò*).

*Volère*, to desire. Fut. *vorrrò* (not *volrò*) etc.

#### VIII.

Pret. in *si*. Part. past. in *sto*.

*Rispondere*, to answer. Pret. *risposi*, *rispondesti*. P. p. *risposto*.

Likewise: *corrispondere*, to correspond, to answer.

*Chiedere*, to ask, to want. Pret. *chiesi*, *chiedesti*. P. p. *chiesto*. Pres. dell'Ind. *chiedo* (more frequent than *chieggo*).

Likewise: *richiedere*, to require.

#### Verbs with special irregularities.

*Assistere*, to assist. Pret. *assistei* and *-etti*. P. p. *assistito*.

Likewise: *esistere*, to exist; *resistere*, to resist; *desistere*, to desist etc.

*Esigere*, to require. Pret. *esigei* and *esigetti*. P. p. *esatto*.

*Piovvere*, to rain. Pret. *piovve* (seldom *piobbe*). P. p. *piovuto*.

*Redimere*, to redeem. Pret. *redensi*, *redimesti*. P. p. *redento*.

*Vivere*, to live. Pret. *vissi*, *vivesti*. P. p. *vissuto (vivuto)*.

Thus: *sopravvivere*, to survive.

\**Solvere*, to solve. Pret. *solvei* and *solvetti*. P. p. *soluto*.

*Proteggere*, to protect. Pret. *proteggei* and *protessi*. P. p. *protetto*.

*Fendere*, to cleave. Pret. *fendei* and *fendetti*. P. p. *fenduto (fesso)*.

## Thirty-seventh Lesson.

### Traduzioni.

#### 68.

Dante was born in Florence. When the teacher entered the school, the scholars were silent and rose up. I have shut the windows because it is cold. I have persuaded my friend to remain here still two weeks (fourteen days). In (*Nel*) my last journey to (*in*) Italy I spent three hundred marks. The light is extinguished (*spēgnersi*). The Huns (*Unni*) invaded (*invādere*) the greatest part of Europe. Did the new opera (*opera*, f.) please you? It has\*) not pleased me. I knew him and his uncle. At (*A*) this answer he was silent and laughed. He lighted the cigars with a match (*zolfanēllo*). I heard indeed the noise (*strepito*, m.); but my sister has not heard it. The servant (*m.*) took a light (candle) and went down into the cellar (*cantina*, f.). Have you returned him his money? I did not perceive (*accorgersi di . . .*) his presence (*presenza*, f.). I was grieved to learn (*transl.* I have learnt with grief) that you lost (have l.) your dear mother last week, and I [beg to] express to you my most sincere condolence (*far le . . . condoglianza*). The enemies yielded at the first firing of a gun (*colpo di cannone*). He has expressed me the wish to make your acquaintance. Has your friend reflected over (*alla*) my proposition (*propōsta*, f.)? King (*Il re*) Victor Emanuel the Second succeeded (*succedere a*) King Albert. I have corrected your exercise. The teacher corrected the exercises of his pupils. I read your letter; my mother has not yet read it. He gave (*addurre*) good reasons to justify (*giustificare*) his behaviour (*condotta*, f.). He has often written me, but I have never answered him. We could not distinguish the houses, it was too dark (*buio*). Garibaldi distinguished himself greatly (*assai*) in the war against the

\*) *Piacere* often forms its compound tenses with *essere*.

Bourbons (*Borbóni*). Which artist (painter) painted this picture? It was painted by Cimabúe. I have won 200 francs in the lottery (*al lotto*). My father was forced to (a) depart. Since he has made (*stringere*) friendship with this camp (*scio-perato*), he has neglected his duties. One talked (*discorrere di*) of the queen's journey to Italy.

## 69.

Where are you leading me? I am leading you to the (*alla*) railway-station. Milan was several times (*più volte*) destroyed. The Medicees (*I Medici*) protected (the) sciences and (the) fine arts. You have promised me a visit, but you have not kept your word. He smiled (*sorridere*) once more and died. In this word a vowel (*vocale*, f.) is omitted. He took the liberty of laughing in the face (*in faccia*) of the judge (*giudice*). Many children were killed by the soldiers of Herodes (*Eróde*). Where have you put my watch? I wish (will) you to put it into the drawer (*cassétto*, m.). Did your father allow you to go with me to the theatre? Charlemagne (*Carlomagno*) subdued (*sottomettere*) the heathen (*pagano*, -a) Saxons (*Sassoni*). He henceforward promised fidelity (*fedeltà*) and obedience (*ubbidienza*). They for the (*per l'*) last time turned their eyes (*sguardo*, m., lit. looks, glances) towards the beloved town. You have wept; why? I have read the description (*la descrizione*) of the great earthquake (*terremoto*) in the isle of (*l'isola di*) Ischia, and could not but (*transl. must*) weep. To what age did his uncle live? I wrote to Venice, but my friends have not yet answered me. I was not very (*troppo*) well received (*accogliere*) in the house of my cousin. The young lady plucked roses and pinks (*garófano*, m.). Who will solve me this doubt (*dúbbio*, m.)? Alexander the great (*Alessandro magno*) solved (cut) the Gordian knot. I should like to take (*togliere*) my nephew (*nipote*) out of this school, if there were any better [one]. All was taken from the (*al*) poor traveller. At the sight (*Alla vista*) of our army the enemies took to flight (*prendere la fuga*). Has this dog bitten your daughter? I saw you, but did not know you. Nobody has supported (*soccorrere*) me in my illness (*malattia*). I well perceived his (*Genit.*) wicked intention; but you perceived (h. p.) nothing. He shook her hand (*transl. reached her the hand*) and wept. Have you taken your money? I took only two marcs.

## 70.

Oppressed (*opprimere*) by grief the father followed (*transl. accompanied*) his last child to the grave. Have you assisted at the festival (*alla festa*)? We chose some fine pictures to



destinata, si fece da me rimettere con gentile invito, per restituirmeli a tempo debito, orologio, danaro ed ogni altra cosa ch'io avessi in tasca, e m'augurò rispettosamente la buona notte.

«Fermatevi, caro voi», gli dissi; «oggi non ho pranzato; fatemi portare qualche cosa!»

«Subito; la locanda è qui vicina, e sentirà, Signore, che buon vino!»

«Vino, — non ne bevo.»

A questa risposta, il signor Angiolino mi guardò spaventato, e sperando ch'io scherzassi. I custodi di carceri che tengono béttolà inorridiscono d'un prigioniero astémio.

«Non ne bevo, davvero!»

M'incresce per Lei; patirà al doppio la solitùdine!»

E vedendo ch'io non mutava proposito, uscì; ed in meno di mezz'ora ebbi il pranzo. Mangiai pochi bocconi, tracannai un bicchier d'acqua e fui lasciato solo.

#### Words.

<i>interrogatório</i> m., examination.	<i>fermarst</i> , to stop, to stay.
<i>per</i> , during.	<i>caro voi</i> , friend.
<i>simile</i> , the like, similar.	<i>pranzare</i> , to dine.
<i>dignitoso</i> , -a, worthy; - <i>mente</i>	<i>fatemi portare</i> , order up for
adv., firmly.	me.
<i>tener bróncio</i> , to pout; to look	<i>la locanda</i> , the tavern.
grave; to be angry with	<i>sentire</i> , to feel; <i>here</i> : to see.
anybody.	<i>guardare</i> , to look at.
<i>povero</i> , poor; <i>here</i> : unfortu-	<i>spaventare</i> , to frighten.
nate, unlucky.	<i>scherzare</i> , to jest.
<i>attuário</i> m., actuary, clerk.	<i>il</i> and <i>la cárcere</i> , Pl. <i>le car-</i>
<i>consegnare</i> , to consign.	<i>ceri</i> , the jail, prison.
<i>custóde</i> m., the gaoler.	<i>m'incresce</i> , I am sorry.
<i>condóttomi</i> = <i>dopo avermi</i>	<i>al doppio</i> , doubly.
<i>condotto</i> , after having con-	<i>mutare</i> , to change, to alter.
ducted me.	<i>il boccone</i> , the bit, morsel,
<i>destinare</i> , to destine.	mouthful.
<i>rimettere</i> , to remit, to give.	<i>tener béttolà</i> , to keep a tavern.
<i>gentile</i> , polite.	<i>astémio</i> adj., he that does not
<i>invito</i> m., invitation.	drink wine; abstemious.
<i>restituire</i> , to restore, to give	<i>patire</i> , to suffer.
back again.	<i>la solitùdine</i> , the solitude.
<i>a tempo debito</i> , in due time.	<i>il propósito</i> , the proposal.
<i>orologio</i> m., watch.	<i>tracannare</i> , to drink (in long
<i>augurare</i> , to wish.	draughts).
<i>rispettoso</i> , respectfully.	

**Diálogo.**

Quando fu arrestato Silvio Pellico?  
 Dove fu egli condotto?  
 Non dice egli il motivo del suo arresto?  
 Che gli chiese il custode al quale era stato consegnato?  
 Fu poi lasciato solo?  
 Che gli domandò Silvio Pellico?  
 Gli portò allora il suo pranzo?  
 Comandò del vino?  
 Che significa la voce «astemio»?  
 Che gli disse il custode?

**Thirty-eighth Lesson.****Defective Verbs.**

Verbs that want some tenses or persons, are called "Defective Verbs". They are the following:

**Algere**, to freeze. Pret. *io alsi, egli alse*. Part. pres. *al-gente*.

**Arrógere**, to add, to adjoin. Pres. *arroge*. Pret. *arrosi, arrose, arrosero*. Gerund. *arrogendero*. P. p. *arroso*.

**Calére**, to matter; to be important. Pres. *mi cale*. Imperf. *mi caleva*. Pret. *mi calse*. Fut. *mi carrà (calerà)*. Cond. *mi carrebbe (calerebbe)*. Pres. Subj. *che mi calga (che mi caglia)*. Imperf. Subj. *che mi calesse*. P. p. *caluto*. (The comp. tenses with *essere*.)

**Cápere**, to hold. Pres. *cape*. Subj. *cappia*. (The verb is obsolete; in its stead we use *capire*.)

**Cólere**, to worship. Has but: *colo* and *cole*.

**Gire**, to go, to walk. Pres. Ind. *gite*, you go. Imperf. *io, tu, egli giva (gia), givamo, givate, givano (giano)*. Pret. *gisti*, thou wentst; *gi (gio)* he went; *gimmo, giste, girono*. Fut. *girò* — *girà, giremo, girete, giranno*. Imperat. *gite, go (you)*. Condit. *girei*. Imperf. Subj. *ch'io gissi, tu gissi, egli gisse, gissimo, giste, gissero*. P. p. *gito*.

**Ire**, to go. Pres. and Imperat. *ite*, (you) go. Imperf. *iva*, he went; *ivano*, they went. Fut. *iremo*, we shall go; *irete, iranno*. P. p. *ito, gone*.

Of the deriv. only *adire*, to inherit; *circuire*, to go about something, and *contraire*, to oppose (all three are poet.) are conjugated like *ire*. The others form the Pres. in *-isco*, as: *ambire*, to solicit, *ambisco*, etc. *Perire*, to perish, has *pero* and

*perisco*. Of the poet. *redire*, to go back, only the 3. Plur. Pret. *redirono* is in use; the other forms are taken from *riédere*.

*Licere* (*lécere*), to be allowed (Infinit. out of use). Pres. *lice* or *lece*, it is allowed. P. p. *licito* and *lécito*, allowed and *illécito*, forbidden.

*Riédere*, to go back. Pres. *riédo*, *riédi*, *riéde*. Pres. Subj. *rieda*, that he (she) go back; *riédano*, that they go back.

*Serpere*, to wind. Pres. *serpo*, -i, -e; *sérpono*. Subj. *serpa*, -a, -a; *serpiamo*, *sérpano*. Imperf. *serpeva* etc., *serpévano*. Gerund. *serpendo* (usually *serpeggiare* is used instead of *serpere*).

*Solere*, to use, to be accustomed. Pres. *soglio*, *suóli*, *suóle*, *sogliamo*, *soléte*, *sógliono*. Imperf. *soleva*. Pres. Subj. *ch'io soglia* etc.; *sogliamo*, *sogliate*, *sógliano*. Imperf. Cong. *solessi*. P. p. *sólito*. Gerund. *solendo*.

*NB.* The compound tenses (with *essere*) are preferred to the simple, as: *io era solito*, I used, I was accustomed.

*Observation.* Poetical forms are:

<i>Ange</i> , oppresses,	<i>pave</i> , fears,
<i>late</i> , is hidden,	<i>repe</i> , creeps,
<i>miserére</i> , pity me!	<i>sile</i> , is silent,
<i>molce</i> , mitigates,	<i>tepe</i> , is tepid,

and the poet. adjunct. *oso* (lat. *ausus*), daring, which is used with *essere*, as: *era oso*, he dared.

*Note.* All other verbs of which some forms are wanting, will be found in the Alphabetical List, pg. 190—200.

## Reading Exercise.

### Continuation of "*Le mie prigioni*".

La stanza era a pian terreno e metteva sul cortile. Carceri di qua, carceri di là; carceri di sopra, carceri dirimpetto. M'appoggiai alla finestra, e stetti qualche tempo ad ascoltare l'andare e venire dei carcerieri ed il frenetico canto di parecchi dei rinchiusi.

Pensava: un secolo fa, questo era un monastero; avrebbero mai le sante e penitenti vergini che lo abitavano immaginato che le loro celle suonerebbero oggi, non più di femminai gémiti e d'inni devoti, ma di bestemmie e di canzoni invereconde, e che conterrebbero uomini d'ogni fatta e per lo più destinati agli ergástoli o alle forche? E fra un século, chi respirerà in queste celle? Oh fugacità del tempo! oh mobilità perpetua delle cose! Può chi vi considera affiggersi, se fortuna cessò di sorridergli, se vien sepolto in prigione, se gli (si) minaccia il patibolo? Ieri io era uno de'

più felici mortali del mondo, oggi non ho più alcuna delle dolcezze che confortavano la mia vita; non più libertà, non più consorzio d'amici, non più speranze! No; il lusingarsi sarebbe follia. Di qui non uscirò se non per essere gettato ne' più orribili covili o consegnato al carnefice. Ebbene, il giorno dopo la mia morte sarà come s'io fossi spirato in un palazzo e portato alla sepoltura co' più grandi onori.

Così il riflettere alla fugacità del tempo mi invigoriva l'animo. Ma mi ricorsero alla mente il padre, la madre, due fratelli, due sorelle, un'altra famiglia ch'io amava quasi fosse la mia; ed i ragionamenti filosofici nulla più valsero. M'intenerii e piansi come un fanciullo.

## Words.

<i>A pian terreno</i> , on the ground-floor.	<i>respirare</i> , to breathe.
<i>mèttete su</i> (of a window), to look down on.	<i>fugacità</i> , flight.
<i>dirimpetto</i> , opposite.	<i>chi</i> , he who . . .
<i>appoggiare</i> , to lean; to rest upon.	<i>sepolto</i> , buried.
<i>ascoltare</i> , to listen.	<i>minacciare</i> , to threaten.
<i>l'andare e venire</i> , going to and	<i>il patibolo</i> , the gallows.
<i>monastero</i> , convent. [fro.	<i>dolcezza</i> , sweetness.
<i>gémito</i> , groan, lament.	<i>confortare</i> , to comfort; to embellish.
<i>inno</i> , hymn, song.	<i>consórzio</i> , society.
<i>bestémnia</i> , blasphemy; curse.	<i>lusingare</i> , to flatter.
<i>inverecondo</i> , irreverent; shameless.	<i>non — se non</i> , only.
<i>contenère</i> , to contain.	<i>covile</i> , prison, dungeon.
<i>d'ogni fatta</i> , of all kinds.	<i>carnefice</i> , hangman.
<i>ergástolo</i> , penitentiary.	<i>spirare</i> , to die.
<i>le forche</i> , the gallows.	<i>sepoltura</i> , grave.
	<i>invigorire</i> , to strengthen.
	<i>ricorrere alla mente</i> , to think of, to remember.

## Díálogo.

Dove era la stanza di Silvio Pellico?

Che cosa vide, quando egli s'appoggiò alla finestra?

Quali erano i suoi pensieri allora?

Aveva egli la speranza di uscire fra poco da quella prigione?

Chi erano gli abitanti della prigione di Santa Margherita un secolo prima?

E chi abitava allora le celle del monastero?

Non aveva Silvio più genitori, nè parenti nè amici?

Si sentì consolato da queste riflessioni?

*Verbs ending in re see page 158-9-173*

## Alphabetical List of the Irregular Verbs.

(All compounds and derivatives are excluded, except those that deviate in some forms from the simple verb, or when the simple verb is now obsolete. Verbs marked with an asterisk \* are obsolete, or exclusively poetical.)

	Pres.	Pret.	Fut.	P. p.
<i>Accedere</i> , to draw near	reg.	<i>accedei</i> ( <i>accedetti</i> , <i>accessi</i> )	reg.	reg.
- <i>accendere</i> , to light	<i>accendo</i>	<i>accesi</i>	<i>accenderò</i>	<i>acceso</i> .
<i>acchiudere</i> , to join, see <i>chiudere</i>				
- <i>accórger(si)</i> , to per- ceive	(m') <i>accor-</i> <i>go</i>	(m') <i>ac-</i> <i>corsi</i>	(m') <i>accor-</i> <i>gerò</i>	<i>accorto</i> .
<i>accórrere</i> , to run to, see <i>córrere</i> .				
<i>accrèscere</i> , to augment, see <i>crescere</i> .				
<i>addurre</i> , to bring	<i>adduco</i>	<i>addussi</i>	<i>addurrò</i>	<i>addotto</i> .
<i>affiggere</i> , to affix, see <i>figgere</i> ; has	only	only		<i>affisso</i>
<i>affliggere</i> , to afflict	<i>affliggo</i>	<i>afflissi</i>	<i>affliggerò</i>	<i>afflitto</i>
<i>aggiungere</i> , to join, see <i>giungere</i> .				
<i>álgere</i> , to freeze; s. p. 179.		<i>alsi</i> (only 1. 2. 3. pers. sing.)		P. pr. ( <i>al-</i> <i>gente</i> ).
<i>alludere</i> , to allude	<i>alludo</i>	<i>allusi</i>	<i>alluderò</i>	<i>alluso</i> .
<i>ammètere</i> , to admit, see <i>mettere</i> .				
* <i>ancidere</i> , to kill, see <i>uccidere</i> .				
- <i>andàre</i> , to go	<i>vado</i>	<i>andai</i>	<i>andrò</i>	<i>andato</i> .
<i>ángere</i> , to torment; see p. 180.	<i>ange</i> (3. Pl.)	—	—	—
<i>annètere</i> , to annex	<i>annetto</i>	<i>annessi</i>	<i>annetterò</i>	<i>annesso</i> .
<i>apparire</i> , to appear	<i>apparisco</i>	<i>apparvi</i> (-ii)	<i>apparirò</i>	<i>apparito</i> ( <i>apparso</i> ).
<i>appartenére</i> , to belong, see <i>tenere</i> .				
<i>appendere</i> , to suspend	<i>appendo</i>	<i>appesi</i>	<i>appenderò</i>	<i>appeso</i> .

\*) Very seldom used. Quite unknown in Northern Italy.

	Pres.	Pret.	Fut.	P. p.
X <del>applaudere</del> (-dire), to applaud.	applau- disco (app- laudo)	applaudii (applausi)	applau- dirò	applaudi- to.
apprendere, to learn, see prendere.				
aprire, to open	apro	aprii (-ersi)	aprirò	aperto.
ardere, to burn	ardo	arsi	arderò	arso.
arrógere, to join, to add, see p. 179.				
ascéndere, to ascend, see scéndere.				
ascóndere, to hide, see nascóndere.				
aspérgere, to sprinkle, see spérgere.				
assalire, to attack, see salire.				
assider(-si), to sit down	(m')assie- do	(m')assisi	(m')assie- derò	assiso.
assistere, to assist, reg. exc.				assistito.
assólvere, to absolve, reg. ex.				assolto.
assórbere, } to absorb	assorbo	assorbii	assorbirò	assorto
(assorbire), }				assorbito.
assumere, to assume	assumo	assunsi (-mei, metti)	assumerò	assunto.
astringere, to compel, see stringere.				
- attendere, to expect	attendo	attesi	attenderò	atteso.
attingere, to paint, see tingere.				
*avellere, to draw out	—	avulsi	(Petrarca Son. 314.)	
- avère, to have.	ho	ebbi	avrò	avuto.
- Benedire, to bless, see maledire.				
- bère (bere), to drink	bevo (beo)	bevvi (be- vei, -etti)	beverò	bevuto (beuto).
- Cadere, to fall	cado (cag- gio)	caddi (ca- dei, -etti)	caderò (cadrò)	caduto.
calère, to care, see p. 179.				
cápere, to hold, see p. 179.				
- cédere, to yield	cedo	cedei, -etti (cedei)	cederò	ceduto (ceduto).
chiédere, to ask	chiedo (chieggo)	chiesi (chiedei)	chiederò	chiesto.
- chiúdere, to shut	chiudo	chiusi	chiuderò	chiuso.
cíngere (cignere), to gird	cingo (ci- gno)	cinsi	cingerò (cignerò)	cinto.

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<i>circoncidere</i> , to circumcise, see <i>incidere</i> .				
( <i>circonflètere</i> ), to bend, has only	.	.	.	<i>circonflesso</i> .
- <i>cogliere</i> ( <i>corre</i> ), to gather, see <i>sciogliere</i> .				
<i>cólere</i> , to worship, see p. 179.				
( <i>collidere</i> ), to strike against, see <i>elidere</i> .				
<i>colludere</i> , to conspire, in a fraud, see <i>ludere</i> .				
<i>commettere</i> , to commit, see <i>mettere</i> .				
- <i>commuovere</i> , to move, see <i>muovere</i> .				
<i>comparire</i> , to appear	<i>comparisco</i>	<i>comparui</i> ( <i>comparuii</i> )	<i>comparirò</i>	<i>comparito</i> ( <i>-arso, -aruto</i> ).
<i>cómpiere</i> ( <i>compire</i> ), to accomplish	<i>compisco</i> ( <i>compio</i> )	<i>compui</i> ( <i>compiei</i> )	<i>compirò</i> ( <i>compierò</i> )	<i>compito</i> *).
<i>compréndere</i> , to understand, see <i>prendere</i> .				
<i>comprimere</i> , to compress	<i>comprimo</i>	<i>compressi</i>	<i>comprimerò</i> .	<i>compresso</i> .
<i>concedere</i> , to concede, see <i>cédere</i> .				
<i>concepire</i> , to conceive. Only the obsolete forms <i>concepe</i> and <i>concépono</i> ; P. p. ( <i>conceputo</i> ) <i>concelto</i> .				
* <i>concernere</i> , to concern, see <i>scernere</i> .				
<i>conchiudere</i> ( <i>concludere</i> ), to conclude, see <i>chiudere</i> .				
<i>concorrere</i> , to concur, see <i>correre</i> .				
<i>condurre</i> , to lead, see <i>addurre</i> . [crate				
* <i>conficere</i> , to consecrate	—	<i>confeci</i>	—	<i>confetto</i> .
* <i>configgere</i> , to nail ( <i>conficcare</i> ), see <i>figgere</i> ;	.	.	.	<i>confitto</i> .
<i>confondere</i> , to confound, see <i>fondere</i> .				
<i>congiungere</i> , to join, see <i>giungere</i> .				
<i>connettere</i> , to connect, see <i>nettere</i> .				
- <i>conoscere</i> , to know	<i>conosco</i>	<i>conobbi</i> ( <i>conoscei, -etti</i> )	<i>conoscerò</i>	<i>conosciuto</i> .

\*) *Cómpito* m., task.

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* <i>conquidere</i> , to conquer	—	—	—	<i>conquisto.</i>
* <i>consumere</i> ( <i>consumare</i> ), to consume	—	<i>consumsi</i> (-se, -sero)	—	<i>consumto.</i>
<i>contessere</i> , to weave to- gether; to join, see <i>tessere</i> , exc.: <i>contesto</i> .				
<i>contradire</i> (- <i>dire</i> ), to contradict, see <i>dire</i> .				
<i>contrarre</i> , to contract, see <i>trarre</i> .				
<i>convertère</i> , to convert	<i>converto</i>	<i>conversi</i>	<i>converterò</i>	<i>converso.</i>
NB. <i>Convertire</i> is regul. (Pres. -o and -isco).				
<i>coprire</i> , to cover, see <i>aprire</i> .				
<i>corrèggere</i> , to correct, see <i>reggere</i> .				
<i>córrere</i> , to run.	<i>corro</i>	<i>corsi</i>	<i>correrò</i> ( <i>corrò</i> )	<i>corso.</i>
<i>corródere</i> , to corrode, see <i>rodere</i> .				
<i>corrómpere</i> , to corrupt, to bribe, see <i>rómpere</i> .				
<i>costringere</i> , to force, to compel, see <i>stringere</i> .				
<i>costruire</i> , to construct	<i>costruisco</i>	<i>costrussi</i> ( <i>costruii</i> ) <i>crebbi</i>	<i>costruirò</i>	<i>costrutto</i> ( <i>costruito</i> ).
<i>créscere</i> , to grow	<i>cresco</i>		<i>crescerò</i>	<i>cresciuto.</i>
<i>crocifiggere</i> , to crucify, see <i>figgere</i> .				
<i>cuócere</i> , to cook.	<i>cuoco</i>	<i>cossi</i> ( <i>cocci, cuocqui</i> )	<i>cocerò</i>	<i>cotto.</i>
- <i>Dare</i> , to give	<i>do</i>	<i>diedi</i>	<i>darò</i>	<i>dato.</i>
<i>decidere</i> , to decide	<i>decido</i>	<i>decisi</i>	<i>deciderò</i>	<i>deciso.</i>
<i>decréscere</i> , to decrease, see <i>crescere</i> .				
<i>dedúrre</i> , to deduct, see <i>addurre</i> .				
<i>delúdere</i> , to delude, see <i>alludere</i> .				
<i>deprimere</i> , to depress, see <i>comprimere</i> .				
<i>desistere</i> , to desist, see <i>assistere</i> .				
<i>desúmere</i> , to assume, to conclude, see <i>as- sumere</i> .				
<i>detrarre</i> , to detract, see <i>trarre</i> .				
* <i>detrúdere</i> , to intrude, see <i>intrudere</i> .				



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<i>difendere</i> , to defend	<i>difendo</i>	<i>difesi</i>	<i>difenderò</i>	<i>difeso.</i>
<i>diffondere</i> , to diffuse, see <i>fondere</i> .				
<i>dimettere</i> , to dismiss, to pardon, see <i>mettere</i> .				
<i>dipingere</i> , to paint, to depict, see <i>pingere</i> .				
* <i>dire</i> , to say, to tell	<i>dico</i>	<i>dissi</i>	<i>dirò</i>	<i>detto.</i>
<i>dirigere</i> , to direct	<i>dirigo</i>	<i>diressi</i>	<i>dirigerò</i>	<i>diretto.</i>
<i>dirompere</i> , to break out, see <i>rompere</i> .				
<i>discendere</i> , to descend, see <i>scendere</i> .				
<i>discernere</i> , to discern, see <i>scernere</i> .				
<i>discorrere</i> , to run through, to speak, see <i>correre</i> .				
<i>discutere</i> , to discuss	<i>discuto</i>	<i>discussi</i>	<i>discuterò</i>	<i>discusso.</i>
<i>disgiungere</i> , to disjoin, see <i>giungere</i> .				
<i>dispèrgere</i> , to disperse, see <i>spergere</i> .				
<i>distinguere</i> , to distin- guish	<i>distinguo</i>	<i>distinsi</i> ( <i>distinguei</i> , -etti)	<i>distin- guerò</i>	<i>distinto.</i>
<i>distorcere</i> , to run through, see <i>torcere</i> .				
<i>distruggere</i> , to destroy, see <i>struggere</i> .				
* <i>divèllere</i> , to root up, see <i>svellere</i> .				
<i>dividere</i> , to divide	<i>divido</i>	<i>divisi</i>	<i>dividerò</i>	<i>diviso.</i>
<i>dolere</i> , to ache; to be sorry	<i>dolgo</i> ( <i>do- glio</i> )	<i>dolsi</i>	<i>dorrò</i> ( <i>do- lerò</i> )	<i>doluto.</i>
<i>dovère</i> , to be obliged; to owe	<i>debbo</i> ( <i>de- vo</i> , <i>deggio</i> )	<i>dovei</i> (-etti)	<i>dovrò</i>	<i>dovuto.</i>
<i>Eccèdere</i> , to exceed, see <i>cedere</i> .				
<i>elèggere</i> , to elect, see <i>leggere</i> .				
<i>elidere</i> , to drop a letter	<i>elido</i>	<i>elisi</i>	<i>eliderò</i>	<i>eliso.</i>
<i>eludere</i> , to elude, see <i>alludere</i> .				
<i>emèrgere</i> , to emerge, see <i>mergere</i> .				
<i>èmpiere</i> , <i>empire</i> (-isco), to fill. The irre- gularity consists in the double forms to the Pret. <i>empì</i> and				

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<i>empiè</i> ; and P. p. <i>em-pito</i> and <i>empiuto</i> ; see <i>compiere</i> .				
* <i>emùlgere</i> , to soften	<i>emulgo</i>	<i>emulsi</i>	<i>emulgerò</i>	<i>emulso</i> .
<i>erigere</i> ( <i>érgere</i> ), to erect	<i>erigo</i> ( <i>ergo</i> )	<i>eressi</i> ( <i>ersi</i> )	<i>erigerò</i> ( <i>ergerò</i> )	<i>eretto</i> ( <i>erta</i> , Subst.).
<i>esaurire</i> , to exhaust, obsolescent exc.:				<i>esaurito</i> ( <i>esausto</i> ).
<i>escludere</i> , to exclude	<i>escludo</i>	<i>esclusi</i>	<i>escluderò</i>	<i>escluso</i> .
<i>esigere</i> , to want	<i>esigo</i>	<i>esigei</i> (-etti)	<i>esigerò</i>	<i>esatto</i> .
<i>esistere</i> , to exist	<i>esisto</i>	<i>esistei</i> (-etti)	<i>esisterò</i>	<i>esistito</i> .
<i>espèllere</i> , to expel	<i>espello</i>	<i>espulsi</i>	<i>espellerò</i>	<i>espulso</i> .
<i>esprimere</i> , to express	<i>esprimo</i>	<i>espressi</i>	<i>esprimerò</i>	<i>espresso</i> .
- <i>èssere</i> , to be	<i>sono</i>	<i>fui</i>	<i>sarò</i>	<i>stato</i> .
<i>estinguere</i> , to extin- guish	<i>estinguo</i>	<i>estinsi</i>	<i>estinguerò</i>	<i>estinto</i> .
* <i>estóllere</i> ( <i>estogliere</i> ), to extol, see <i>togliere</i> .				
<i>evadere</i> , to escape	<i>evado</i>	<i>evasi</i>	<i>evaderò</i>	<i>evaso</i> .
- <i>Fare</i> , to do.	<i>fo</i> ( <i>faccio</i> )	<i>feci</i>	<i>farò</i>	<i>fatto</i>
<i>fèndere</i> , to split; to divide*).	<i>fendo</i>	<i>fendei</i> ( <i>fessi</i> )	<i>fenderò</i>	<i>fenduto</i> ( <i>fesso</i> ).
<i>ferire</i> , to wound; the obsolete poet. forms: <i>ferè</i> ( <i>fiède</i> ) = <i>ferisce</i> , <i>fiédono</i> = <i>feriscono</i> ; <i>fera</i> = <i>ferisca</i> , <i>fèrano</i> = <i>feriscano</i> , and <i>feruto</i> = <i>ferito</i> .				
<i>figgere</i> , to fix	<i>figgo</i>	<i>fissi</i>	<i>figgerò</i>	<i>fitto</i> ( <i>fiso</i> and <i>fisso</i> , adj.).
NB. All the compounds, ex.: <i>sconfiggere</i> , to beat (the enemy), which has <i>confitto</i> , form the P. p. in <i>isco</i> .				
<i>figgere</i> , to feign	<i>figgo</i>	<i>finsi</i>	<i>figgerò</i>	<i>finto</i> .
* <i>flettere</i> , to yield	<i>fletto</i>	<i>flessi</i>	<i>fletterò</i>	<i>flesso</i> .
<i>fóndere</i> , to cast, to melt	<i>fondo</i>	<i>fusi</i> ( <i>fon- dei</i> )	<i>fonderò</i>	<i>fuso</i> .
* <i>frángere</i> , to break	<i>frango</i> ( <i>fragno</i> )	<i>fransi</i>	<i>frangerò</i>	<i>franto</i> .
<i>frémere</i> , to tremble, is only irreg. in certain double forms taken from <i>fremire</i> .				
<i>friggere</i> , to fry.	( <i>friggo</i> )	( <i>frissi</i> )	<i>friggerò</i>	<i>fritto</i> .
* <i>fulgere</i> , to shine	<i>fulgo</i>	<i>fulsi</i>	<i>fulgerò</i> .	—
<i>Gémere</i> , to sigh, to gro- an, has some double forms from <i>gemire</i> .				

\*) This verb is generally regular.

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<i>genufletttere</i> , to kneel	—	( <i>genuflessi</i> )	—	<i>genuflesso</i> .
<i>giacere</i> , to lie	<i>gia(c)cio</i>	<i>giacqui</i>	<i>giacerò</i>	<i>giaciuto</i> .
<i>gioire</i> , to rejoice, is reg. but in its stead <i>godere</i> is generally used. The Partic. pres. <i>gioendo</i> for <i>gioiando</i> is also met with.				
<i>gire</i> , to go, see p. 179.				
<i>giungere</i> ( <i>giugnere</i> ), to join, to arrive	<i>giungo</i> ( <i>giugno</i> )	<i>giunsi</i>	<i>giungerò</i> ( <i>giugnerò</i> )	<i>giunto</i> .
<i>Immergere</i> , to immerse, see <i>mergere</i> .				
<i>impellere</i> , to exite, see <i>espellere</i> .				
<i>impendere</i> , to impend	<i>impendo</i>	<i>impensi</i>	—	<i>impeso</i> ( <i>impenduto</i> ).
<i>imprèndere</i> , to undertake, see <i>apprendere</i> .				
<i>imprimere</i> , to print	<i>imprimo</i>	<i>impressi</i>	<i>imprimerò</i>	<i>impresso</i> .
<i>incendere</i> , to incense, see <i>accendere</i> .				
<i>incidere</i> , to engrave	<i>incido</i>	<i>incisi</i>	<i>inciderò</i>	<i>inciso</i> .
<i>inchiudere</i> ( <i>includere</i> ), to include, see <i>chiudere</i> .				
<i>incrèscere</i> , to increase, see <i>crescere</i> .				
* <i>incùtere</i> , to frighten, see <i>scuotere</i> .				
* <i>indicare</i> , to intimate, see <i>dire</i> .				
<i>indulgere</i> , to indulge, see <i>emulgere</i> .				
<i>indurre</i> , to induce, see <i>addurre</i> .				
* <i>inficere</i> , to infect	—	<i>infeci</i>	—	<i>infetto</i> .
<i>infiggere</i> , see <i>figgere</i>	.	.	.	<i>infitto</i> .
<i>infliggere</i> , to inflict, see <i>affliggere</i> .				
<i>infletttere</i> , to bend, regular, except				
<i>influire</i> ( <i>influere</i> ), to influence	<i>influisco</i> ( <i>inflúo</i> )	<i>influii</i> ( <i>influssi</i> )	<i>influirò</i>	<i>influsso</i> . <i>influito</i> ( <i>influsso</i> ).
<i>infrangere</i> , to infract, see <i>frangere</i> .				
<i>infringere</i> , to infringe, see <i>cingere</i> .				
<i>insistere</i> , to insist, see <i>assistere</i> .				

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<i>insórgere, insúrgere</i> , to excite a revolt, see <i>sorgere</i> .				
<i>instruire</i> , to instruct, see <i>costruire</i> .				
<i>intercédere</i> , to intercede, see <i>cedere</i> .				
<i>intingere</i> , to immerge, see <i>tingere</i> .				
<i>intridere</i> , to knead	<i>intrido</i>	<i>intrisi</i>	<i>intriderò</i>	<i>intriso</i> ( <i>intrito</i> ).
<i>intrudere</i> , to intrude	<i>intrudo</i>	<i>intrusi</i>	<i>intruderò</i>	<i>intruso</i> .
<i>invadere</i> , to invade	<i>invado</i>	<i>invasi</i>	<i>invaderò</i>	<i>invaso</i> .
<i>ire</i> , to go, see p. 179.				
<i>istruire</i> , see <i>instruire</i> .				
* <i>Lédere</i> , to hurt	—	<i>lesi</i>	—	<i>leso</i> .
- <i>leggere</i> , to read	<i>leggo</i>	<i>lessi</i>	<i>leggerò</i>	<i>letto</i> .
<i>licere</i> , to be permitted, see p. 180.				
* <i>lucere</i> , to shine	<i>luceo</i>	<i>lussi</i>	<i>lucero</i>	—
<i>Maledire</i> , to curse, see <i>dire</i> . Pres. also <i>maledisco</i> , Impf. <i>malediva</i> .				
<i>mérgere</i> , to submerge, only used in the Pret. <i>mersi</i> ; the comp., like <i>immergere</i> , <i>emergere</i> , etc., are complete.				
<i>méscere</i> , to mix; to pour; regul. exc. P. p. <i>misto</i> (mixed); but <i>mesciuto</i> (poured).				
- <i>méttere</i> , to put	<i>metto</i>	<i>mi si</i> ( <i>met- tei, messi</i> )	<i>metterò</i>	<i>MESSO</i> .
<i>mórdere</i> , to bite	<i>mordo</i>	<i>morsi</i> (- <i>dei</i> , - <i>detti</i> )	<i>morderò</i>	<i>morso</i> .
<i>moríre</i> , to die	<i>muoio</i> ( <i>muoro</i> )	<i>morii</i>	<i>morro</i>	<i>morto</i> .
<i>múngere</i> ( <i>múgnere</i> ), to milk	<i>mungo</i> ( <i>mugno</i> )	<i>munsi</i>	<i>mungerò</i> ( <i>mugnerò</i> )	<i>munto</i> .
— <i>muóvere</i> , to move	<i>muovo</i>	<i>mossi</i>	<i>muoverò</i>	<i>mosso</i> .
<i>Náscere</i> , to be born	<i>nasco</i>	<i>nacqui</i>	<i>nascero</i>	<i>nato</i> ( <i>na- sciuto</i> ).
- <i>nascóndere</i> , to hide	<i>nascondo</i>	<i>nascosi</i>	<i>nasconderò</i>	<i>nascosto</i> ( <i>nascoso</i> ).
* <i>negligere</i> , to neglect *)	<i>negligo</i>	<i>neglessi</i>	<i>negligerò</i>	<i>negletto</i> .
* <i>nettere</i> , to join	<i>netto</i>	<i>nessi</i>	<i>netterò</i>	<i>nesso</i> .

\*) Some say *negligentare*, which latter is a vulgarism.

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<i>*rescindere</i> , to cut off	<i>rescindo</i>	<i>rescissi</i> ( <i>rescindei</i> )	<i>rescinderò</i>	<i>rescisso.</i>
<i>resistere</i> , to resist, see <i>assistere.</i>			o-o	
<i>retundere</i> , to moderate, regul. except. P. p. <i>retuso.</i>				
<i>ridere</i> , to laugh	<i>rido</i>	<i>risi</i>	<i>riderò</i>	<i>riso.</i>
<i>ridurre</i> , to reduce, see <i>addurre.</i>				
<i>riedere</i> , <i>redire</i> , to re- turn, has but Pr. Ind. <i>riedo</i> , -i, -e; <i>riédono</i> ; Pres. Subj. <i>rieda</i> , -a, -a, <i>riédano</i> ; Impf. <i>riedeva</i> , -i, -a, and <i>riedévano.</i>				
<i>riflettere</i> , to reflect	<i>rifletto</i>	<i>riflettei</i> ( <i>riflessi</i> )	<i>rifletterò</i>	<i>riflettuto</i> , <i>riflesso</i> (re- verberated).
<i>rifulgere</i> , to sparkle, see <i>fulgere</i> (3. Pass. rem. poet. <i>rifulgè</i> ).				
<i>rilucere</i> , to shine, see <i>lucere</i> ; Pass. rem. <i>rilussi</i> ( <i>rilucei</i> ).				
- <i>rimanère</i> , to remain	<i>rimango</i>	<i>rimasi</i>	<i>rimarrò</i>	<i>rimasto</i> ( <i>rimaso</i> ).
<i>rincrescere</i> , to regret (Imperson.)	( <i>mi</i> ) <i>rin- cresce</i>	<i>rincrebbe</i>	<i>rincres- cerà</i>	<i>rincre- sciuto.</i>
<i>ripellere</i> , to repel, see <i>espellere.</i>				
<i>risolvere</i> , to resolve	<i>risolvo</i>	<i>risolvei</i> (-etti), <i>risolsi</i>	<i>risolverò</i>	<i>risolto.</i> ( <i>risoluto</i> ).
<i>risorgere</i> , to rise again	<i>risorgo</i>	<i>risorsi</i>	<i>risorgerò</i>	<i>risorto.</i>
<i>rispondere</i> , to answer	<i>rispondo</i>	<i>risposi</i>	<i>risponderò</i>	<i>risposto.</i>
<i>ritorcere</i> , to turn back, see <i>torcere.</i>				
<i>riuscire</i> , to succeed, see <i>uscire.</i>				
<i>rodere</i> , to gnaw	<i>rodo</i>	<i>rosi</i>	<i>roderò</i>	<i>roso.</i>
- <i>rompere</i> , to break	<i>rompo</i>	<i>ruppi</i> ( <i>rompei</i> )	<i>romperò</i>	<i>rotto.</i>
<i>Salire</i> , to ascend	<i>salgo</i> (sa- lisco)	<i>salii</i> (salsi)	<i>salirò</i> ( <i>surrò</i> )	<i>salito.</i>
- <i>sapère</i> , to know	<i>so</i> (3. poet. <i>seppi</i> <i>sape</i> )	<i>sapèi</i>	<i>saprò</i>	<i>saputo.</i>
<i>scalfire</i> , to scratch	<i>scalfisco</i>	<i>scalfii</i>	<i>scalfirò</i>	<i>scalfitto.</i>
<i>scègliere</i> ( <i>scerre</i> ), to choose	<i>scelgo</i>	<i>scelsi</i>	<i>sceglièrò</i> ( <i>scerrò</i> )	<i>scelto.</i>

	Pres.	Pret.	Fut.	P. p.
- <i>scéndere</i> , to descend	<i>scendo</i>	<i>scesi</i>	<i>scenderò</i>	<i>sceso.</i>
<i>scérnere</i> , to distinguish, regul. exc. the poet. forms (Pass. rem.) <i>scersi</i> and <i>scerse</i> .		(-ndei, -ndetti)		
* <i>scíndere</i> , to separate, to divide	<i>scindo</i>	<i>scissi</i>	<i>scinderò</i>	<i>scisso.</i>
<i>sciógliere</i> ( <i>sciorre</i> ), to untie.	<i>sciolgo</i> ( <i>scioglio</i> )	<i>sciolsi</i>	<i>scioglièrò</i> ( <i>sciorrò</i> )	<i>sciolto.</i>
<i>scolpire</i> , to hit.	<i>scolpisco</i> (3. poet. <i>sculpe</i> )	<i>scolpii</i>	<i>scolpirò</i>	<i>scolpito</i> ( <i>sculto</i> ).
<i>scommèttère</i> , to bet, see <i>mèttère</i> .				
<i>sconfòndere</i> , to con- found, see <i>fondere</i> .				
<i>sconnèttère</i> , to undo, see <i>nèttère</i> .				
<i>scórgere</i> , to perceive, see <i>accorgersi</i> .				
- <i>scrivere</i> , to write	<i>scrivo</i>	<i>scrissi</i>	<i>scriverò</i>	<i>scritto.</i>
<i>scuótere</i> , to shake, to toss	<i>scuoto</i> (3. poet. <i>scusse</i> )	<i>scossi</i>	<i>scuoterò</i>	<i>scosso.</i>
<i>smuóvere</i> , to move, see <i>muóvere</i> .				
- <i>sedere</i> , to sit	<i>siedo</i> ( <i>seggo</i> )	<i>sedei</i> (-etti)	<i>sederò</i> ( <i>sedrò</i> )	<i>seduto.</i>
<i>sedúrrere</i> , to seduce, see <i>addúrrere</i> .				
<i>seguire</i> , to follow	<i>seguo</i> *) ( <i>siegua</i> )	<i>seguì</i>	<i>seguirò</i>	<i>seguito.</i>
<i>seppellire</i> , to bury, regul. exc.		.	.	<i>seppellito</i>
<i>sérpere</i> , to wind, see p. 187.				( <i>sepolto, sepolto</i> ).
<i>sofferire</i> , <i>soffrire</i> , to suffer, see <i>offerire</i> .				
<i>solére</i> , to use, see p. 187.				
* <i>sólvere</i> , to solve, to dissolve	<i>solvo</i>	<i>solvei</i> ( <i>solvetti</i> )	<i>solverò</i>	<i>soluto.</i>
<i>sommèttère</i> , to submit, see <i>mettere</i> .				
<i>sopprimere</i> , to suppress, see <i>opprimere</i> .				
<i>sórgere</i> , to rise, see <i>porgere</i> .				
- <i>sospéndere</i> , to suspend, see <i>appendere</i> .				
<i>sottomèttère</i> , to submit, see <i>mettere</i> .				
<i>sottrarre</i> , to subtract, see <i>trarre</i> .				

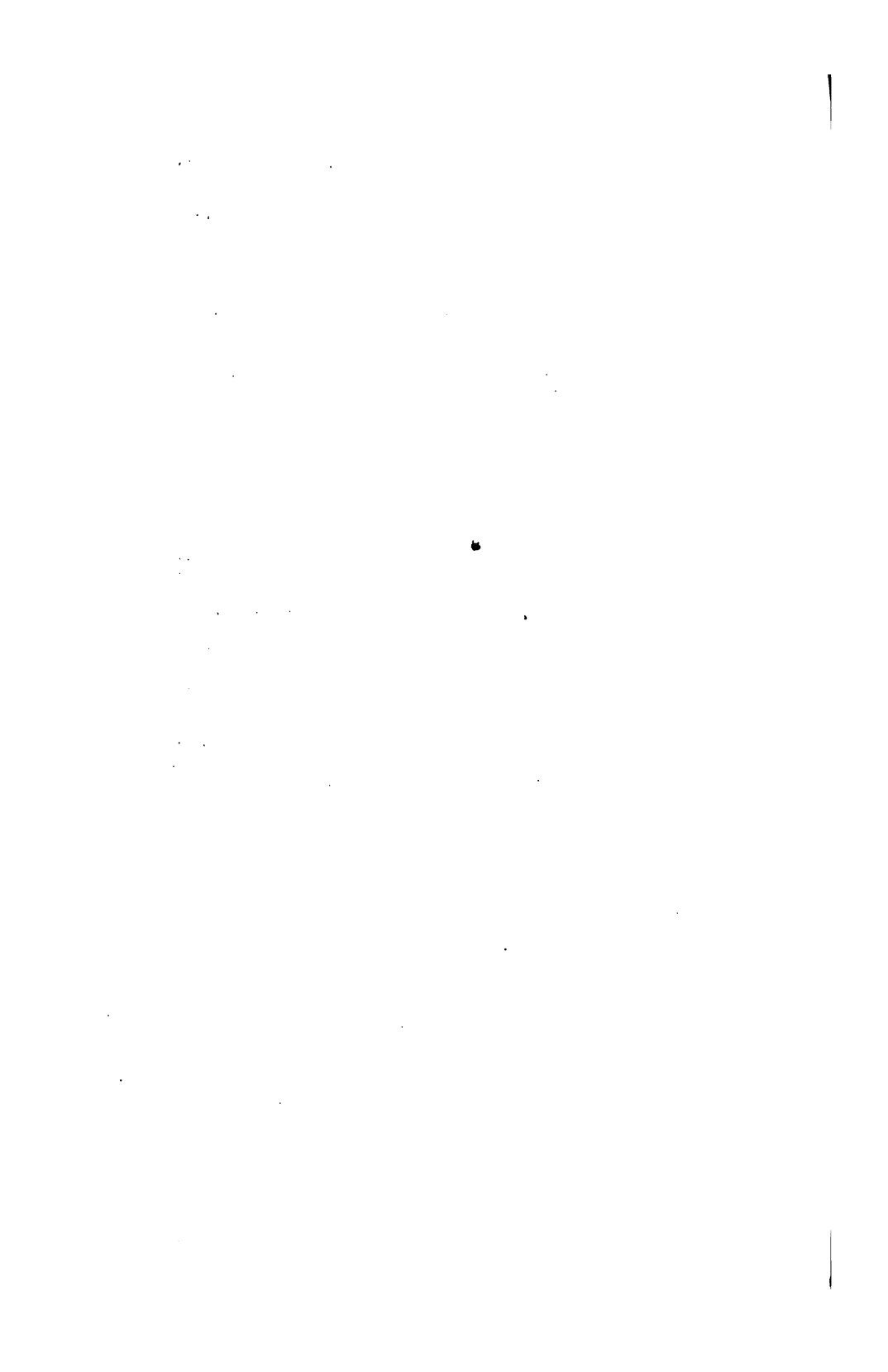
\*) The compounds, as *conseguire* etc., form -o and -isco  
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	Pres.	Pret.	Fut.	P. p.
<i>spândere</i> , to spread	<i>spando</i>	<i>spandei</i> (-etti, <i>spansi</i> )	<i>spanderò</i>	<i>spanduto</i> ( <i>spanto</i> ).
<i>spârgere</i> , to disperse	<i>spargo</i>	<i>sparsi</i> ( <i>spargei</i> )	<i>spargerò</i>	<i>sparso</i> .
<i>sparîre</i> , to disappear	<i>sparisco</i>	<i>sparii</i> ( <i>sparvi</i> )	<i>sparirò</i>	<i>sparito</i> ( <i>sparito</i> , adj., weakly, tiny).
<i>spêgnere</i> ( <i>spéngere</i> ), to extinguish	<i>spengo</i>	<i>spensi</i>	<i>spegnerò</i>	<i>spento</i> .
<i>spéndere</i> , to spend, see <i>appendere</i> .				
<i>spêrdere</i> , to waste, see <i>perdere</i> .	<i>sperso</i>	<i>spersi</i>	<i>spargerò</i>	<i>sperso</i> .
<i>spérgere</i> , to disperse ( <i>spegno</i> )				
- <i>spîngere</i> ( <i>spîgnere</i> ), to push, to excite, see <i>pingere</i> .				
- <i>stare</i> , to stand, to be	<i>sto</i>	<i>stetti</i>	<i>starò</i>	<i>stato</i> .
<i>strîdere</i> , to scream, reg. exc. the old forms (Pass. rem.) <i>strise</i> and <i>strisero</i> .				
- <i>stringere</i> ( <i>strîgnere</i> ), to press	<i>stringo</i>	<i>strinsi</i>	<i>stringerò</i>	<i>stretto</i> ( <i>strinto</i> ).
<i>strûggere</i> , to destroy*)	<i>struggo</i>	<i>strussi</i>	<i>struggerò</i>	<i>strutto</i> .
<i>succêdere</i> , to succeed, see <i>cedere</i> .				
<i>sûggere</i> , to suck	<i>suggo</i>	<i>suggei</i>	<i>suggerò</i>	(of <i>succhiare</i> ).
<i>svêllere</i> ( <i>svêgliere</i> , <i>sver-</i> <i>re</i> ), to root up.	<i>svelgo</i> ( <i>svello</i> )	<i>svelsi</i>	<i>svellerò</i> ( <i>sverrò</i> )	<i>svolto</i> .
<i>sûrgere</i> , see <i>sôrgere</i> .				
<i>Tacêre</i> , to be silent	<i>ta(c)cio</i>	<i>tacqui</i> (-cei, -etti)	<i>tacerò</i>	<i>taciuto</i> .
<i>têndere</i> , to extend, see <i>attendere</i> .				
- <i>tenêre</i> , to hold	<i>tengo</i>	<i>tenni</i> (-nei, -netti)	<i>terrò</i>	<i>tenuto</i> .
<i>têrgere</i> , to wipe, see <i>mergere</i> .				
<i>tîngere</i> ( <i>tîgnere</i> ), to dye	<i>tingo</i> ( <i>tigno</i> )	<i>tinsi</i>	<i>tingerò</i> ( <i>tingerò</i> )	<i>tinto</i> .
- <i>tôgliere</i> ( <i>torre</i> ), to take of	<i>tolgo</i> ( <i>toglio</i> )	<i>tolsi</i>	<i>toglierò</i> ( <i>torrò</i> )	<i>tolto</i> .
<i>tóndere</i> , to shear, reg. exc. P. p. (antiqu.) <i>toso</i> for <i>tonduto</i> .				
<i>tórcere</i> ( <i>tórgere</i> ), to wind, to turn	<i>torco</i>	<i>torsi</i> (-cei, -cetti)	<i>torcerò</i>	<i>torto</i> .

\*) Usually reflexive (*strùggersi*), when signifying to wish ardently.

	Prés.	Pret.	Fut.	P. p.
<i>tradurre</i> , to translate, see <i>addurre</i> .				
<i>trafiggere</i> , to pierce, see <i>figgere</i> .				
<i>trarre</i> ( <i>trdere</i> ), to draw	<i>traggo</i>	<i>trassi</i>	<i>trarrò</i>	<i>tratto</i> .
<i>trasfondere</i> , to pour over, see <i>fondere</i> .				
<i>trasparire</i> , to be trans- parent, see <i>sparire</i> .				
<i>Uccidere</i> , to kill.	<i>uccido</i>	<i>uccisi</i>	<i>ucciderò</i>	<i>ucciso</i> .
<i>udire</i> , to hear	<i>odo</i> (3. <i>ode</i> )	<i>udii</i>	<i>udirò</i> ( <i>udrò</i> )	<i>udito</i> .
<i>ungere</i> ( <i>ùgnere</i> ), to an- oint	<i>ungo</i> ( <i>ugno</i> )	<i>unsi</i>	<i>ungerò</i> ( <i>ugnerò</i> )	<i>unto</i> .
<i>uscire</i> , to go out	<i>esco</i>	<i>uscii</i>	<i>uscirò</i>	<i>uscito</i> .
<i>Valere</i> , to be worth	<i>valgo</i>	<i>valsi</i> ( <i>valei</i> )	<i>varrò</i> <i>valerò</i>	<i>valuto</i> ( <i>val-</i> <i>so, valsuto</i> ).
<i>vedere</i> , to see	<i>vedo</i> ( <i>veggo</i> , <i>veggo</i> )	<i>vidi</i> ( <i>vedei</i> , <i>-etti</i> , <i>veddi</i> )	<i>vedrò</i> ( <i>vederò</i> )	<i>veduto</i> ( <i>vis-</i> <i>to, viso</i> ).
<i>venire</i> , to come	<i>vengo</i> ( <i>vegno</i> )	<i>venni</i> ( <i>venii</i> )	<i>verrò</i> ( <i>ve-</i> <i>nirò</i> )	<i>venuto</i> .
<i>vilipendere</i> , to vilify	<i>vilipendo</i>	<i>vilipesi</i>	<i>vilipenderò</i>	<i>vilipeso</i> .
<i>vincere</i> , to conquer, to win	<i>vinco</i>	<i>vinsi</i> ( <i>vin-</i> <i>cei</i> )	<i>vincerò</i>	<i>vinto</i> .
<i>vivere</i> , to live	<i>vivo</i>	<i>vissi</i> ( <i>vi-</i> <i>vei</i> )	<i>viverò</i> ( <i>vi-</i> <i>vrò</i> )	<i>vissuto</i> ( <i>vi-</i> <i>vuto, vissut</i> ).
<i>volere</i> , to be willing	<i>voglio</i> ( <i>vo'</i> )	<i>volli</i> ( <i>volsi</i> )	<i>vorro</i>	<i>voluto</i> .
<i>volgere</i> ( <i>volvere</i> ), to turn, to return.	<i>volgo</i>	<i>volsi</i>	<i>volgerò</i> ( <i>volverò</i> )	<i>volto</i> .





## **SECOND PART.**



## Pronunciation.

### A. Consonants.

To the rules given in the I. Part. of the grammar we now add the following observations:

1. Contrary to the general rule, *s* has a sharp *hiss-ing* sound at the end of a *prefixed syllable*, as: *bis*, *dis*, *mis*, *es*, and *tras*. Ex.: *bisavo* (great-grandfather), from *bis* and *avo*; *disastro* (disaster), from *dis* and *astro*. It is pronounced in the same way, when *si* (pron.) is added to a verb, as: *dicesi* (one says = *dice-si*). Moreover, *s* is sharp in *stasera*, to-night, the abbreviation of *questa sera*.

2. The sound of *s* is somewhat *softer* before *b*, *d*, *gh*, and *v*, as: *svegliare*, *sdegno*, *shadato*, *sghembo*.

3. *Z* has a hard sound like *ts*, and a soft one like *ds*. The latter only occurs in the following words and their derivatives:

<i>Zaffare</i> , to choke, to stop up.	<i>zebra</i> , zebra.	<i>zizzània</i> , discord;
<i>zàffiro</i> , sapphire.	<i>zéfiro</i> , zephyr.	weed.
<i>zaffo</i> , bung.	<i>zelo</i> , zeal.	<i>zolfo</i> , sulphur.
<i>zana</i> , basket; fraud.	<i>zénzero</i> , ginger.	<i>zonzo</i> , idler.
<i>zanna</i> , tusk.	<i>zerbinotto</i> , dan-	<i>zótico</i> , rude, ill-bred.
<i>zanzàra</i> , gnat, midge.	<i>zero</i> , zero. [dy.	<i>zucca</i> , pumpkin.
<i>zàttera</i> , raft.	<i>zéta</i> , the letter z.	<i>zurlo</i> , lust, sauciness.
	<i>zibetto</i> , civet.	<i>zurro</i> , a tickling*).

### B. Vowels.

#### 1. Simple vowels.

We should notice the difference between the open *e* and *o*, and the closed *e* and *o* (suono aperto e suono

\*) Some of these words are also written with *s*, as *saffiro* etc. *ZZ* has also frequently the soft sound, as in *zizzània*, *amàzzone*, *gazza*, *azzurro*, *bizzarro*, *dozzina*, *gazzetta*, *mezzo*, *orizzonte*, *rozzo*, *rezzo*.

chiuso\*). This distinction offers some difficulty even to the Italians of the educated classes, especially in the Northern provinces where the dialects still predominate, so that the correct pronunciation is but seldom heard. As the difference is partly based on etymological rules, some knowledge of Latin is requisite in order to understand this thoroughly. We shall try to give the pupil some general hints:

1. A vowel is *closed*, when the syllable is *open*, i. e. terminating in a vowel, viz. *do-le-re*; *o-no-re*.

2. A vowel is *open*, when the syllable is *closed*, i. e. ending in a *consonant*, as: *per-fet-to*; *for-za*.

*Note.* When a syllable is *accented*, the vowel is frequently open. Thus the first *o* in *popolare* is closed (Rule 1); but it becomes open in *pòpolo*, because here the *stress* is laid on it.

3. If *o* is preceded by *u*, and *e* is preceded by *i*, the sound of *o* and *e* is *always* open, thus: *buòno*, *fièle*, *diède*, *fuòco* etc.

#### a) *E* closed.

1. By etymological laws the sound of the *e* is *closed*, if this vowel replaces the Latin *i*, as *meno* (Lat. *minus*); *neve* (*nivis*); *metto* (*mitto*); *stretto* (*strictus*).

2. *E* is closed in the terminations;

*esco* — *tedesco*.

*eno* — *terreno*.

*èvole* — *lodevole*.

*ese* — *cortese*.

*ésimo* — *centesimo*.

*essa* — *duchessa*.

*ezzu* — *ebbrezza*.

*eto* — *oliveto*.

*elo* — *velo*.

*etto* — *vecchietto*.

*ela* — *candela*.

*etta* — *vecchietta*.

*ele* — *fedelev*.

*mento* — *avvenimento*.

#### Verbal terminations.

*ere* — *tacere* (*Inf.*)

*emmo* — *credemmo* (*Pret.*)

*ete* — *credete* (*2. Plur.*)

*este* — *credeste* (*Pret.*)

*eva* — *vedeva* (*Imperf.*)

*esti* — *credesti* (*Pret.*)

*essi* — *credessi* (*Impf. Subj.*)

*emo* — *crederemo* (*Fut.*)

*ete* — *crederete* (*Fut.*).

\*) The sound of the *e* is *open*, when it is pronounced like the French *è*, and *closed*, when it approaches the French *é*. The open *o* is pronounced like the English *o* in "loll" or "doll", but somewhat longer; the closed *o* resembles the English *o* in "cold" or "both".

3. *E* is closed before:*gn* — regno.*nn* — penna.

NB. In *-iere* (*iero*), f. inst. *cameriere*, *sparviere*, the sound of *e* is undetermined.

b) *E* open.

This vowel is open:

1. Before vowels, as: *Andréa\**), *sêi*, *camméo*.

2. If *e* has the stress in the antepenultimate\*\*), exc. the terminations *évole* and *ésimo* (of the numerals), as: *mémore*, *sécolo*, *pécora*. Likewise in the *Infinitives*, as: *lèggere*, *fèndere*, *scègliere* etc.

3. Before the terminations *ia* and *io*, when preceded by a simple consonant, as: *matèria*; *vitupèrio*, provided the stress be laid on *e*. When, however, the stress passes to another syllable, the *e* becomes closed, as: *vitùpero*. The elision of *i* in the termin. *ia* or *io* does not alter the open sound of the *e*, thus: *impèro* (inst. of *impèrio*).

## 4. In the terminations:

*ello* — poveréllo.*enzio* — silenzio.*etto\*\*\*)* — tètto.*esto (esta)* — modesto.*ente* — prudente.*estra* — minèstra.*ento* (except *mento*) — argènto.*ezzo* — rèzzo.*enza* — partènza.

## Verbal terminations.

*ersi* — pèrsi.*esso* — mèsso.*erto* — copèrto.*ebbe* — amerèbbe.*ello* — svèlto.*ebbero* (see 2.) — amerèbbero.*etto* — lètto\*\*\*).*endo* — volèndo.*erso* — immèrso.c) *O* closed.

1. *O* has a closed sound by etymological rules, when this vowel replaces the Lat. *u*, thus: *mondo* (mundus); *ove* (ubi); *colpa* (culpa).

\*) *Ea* and *eano*, if contr. from *eva* and *evano*, are closed, as: *vedèa*, *vedéano* (= *vedeva*, *vedevano*).

\*\*) The *roci sdrucchiole*.

\*\*\*) The diminut. *etto* has the closed sound.

## 2. In the terminations:

*ona* — padrona.*ore* — lettore.*one* — padrone.*ora* — malora.*ono* — perdono.*oso, -a* — festoso, -a.d) *O* open.

1. This vowel is open, if it replaces the Lat. *au*, as: *côsa* (causa); *ôro* (aurum); *pôco* (paucum); *pôvero* (pauper).

2. In *monosyllables* and when the *accento* (*ò*) is on it, as: *dò, trovò, fò* etc.

3. If the *stress* is laid on it in the *antepenultimate*, as: *sciôgliere, nôbile, môbile, sciôlsero* etc. Exc.: *nascôn-dere*, to hide and those forms of *porre*, to put, where the *stress* is laid on the *antepenultimate*, as: *pósero*.

4. Before a *vowel*, as: *puòi, vuòi, tuòi* etc.

5. If separated from the *terminations* *ia* and *io* by a *simple* consonant, as *negôzio, orolôgio, Segôvia, Scôzia*.

6. If in the *Infinitive* *o* is preceded by *u*, it becomes *open* (see 3.), and this sound remains through the whole conjugation, thus: *scuôtere; muôvere*. Pass. rem. *scôssi, môssi*; P. p. *scôssò, môssò* etc.

## 7. In the terminations:

*oglio* — fôglio. *osto* — arrôsto. *oto* — divôto.*osta* — côsta. *ostro* — chiôstro.

*NB.* For words which have two meanings, their pronunciation varying accordingly, see Appendix.

## 2. Diphthongs.

As we stated in the 1st Part (§ 4), the Italian language has no *real* diphthongs. If *two* or *three* vowels meet, the *stress* is laid on the *principal* of them, and the others are *rapidly* but *distinctly* pronounced. Such combinations of vowels are: *ai, au, ei, eu, oi* etc. Those so-called diphthongs may sometimes form *one* syllable (by preference in poetry), as: *mîo, tuòi*; in general they form *two* syllables, as: *mî-o, tu-oî*; but *never three*. Thus either *mîei* (*one* syllable with the *stress* on *e*) or *mî-èi*, but *never mî-e-i* (*three* syllables). Nevertheless, every vowel is distinctly heard.

*Oa, ao, eo, au, oe, ea* can never form one syllable. Thus *soave* (sweet) is pronounced *so-a-ve* (and not *sva-ve*); *pa-ù-ra* (and not *pau-ra*).

*Note.* The so-called *suoni schiacciati* (literally: *crushed sounds*), i. e. the vowel *i* after *c* and *g* and before *a, o* and *u*, as: *gia, cio, ciu, giò* etc., where *i* does but soften the sound of *c* or *g* (see I. P. pg. 5), have nothing to do with the diphthongs, because here *i* is no real vowel, but merely a sign of pronunciation. Although *i* is not quite mute (as f. inst. the *e* in the French word *mangea*, or the *u* in *guérir*, yet its sound is too feeble to have the full value of a vowel. In some words the *i* has been retained, as in *cielo* (a proof that it is not quite mute); the terminations *cia, scia, gia, ccia, ggia*, however, drop it now in the Plural, whereas they formerly retained it. Thus we write: *minacce, spiagge, marce* (Plur. of *minaccia, spiaggia, marcia*) and not *minaccie, spiagge* etc., as of old.

## Accent.

As we stated at the beginning of the 1st Part, the Italian language has no particular signs whereby the pronunciation is thoroughly determined. Consequently we have only to speak of the *accent* (*accento*), the *apostrophe* (*apóstrofo*) and the *hyphen* (*punto sospensivo*).

1. The *Accent* ('), as we said, marks a contraction, as: *virtù*, formerly *virtute*; *città* for *cittate*; *piè* for *piede*. The stress must, therefore, be laid on the syllable which has the accent. Frequently the signification of a word is altered by the accent. Thus *facilità* means *facility* — *facilita* however, *he facilitates*; *terrà* means *he will hold* — *tèrra*, earth; *àmo*, I love — *amò*, he loved.

An *acute* accent (´), like the French *accent aigu*, does not occur in Italian. Some modern authors, however, occasionally use it, where otherwise a misunderstanding might possibly arise, as: *malvagia*, malmsey (wine), and *malvágia* (fem. of *malvágio*).

The *circumflex* (¨) is now quite out of use as in *cacciâr*, *ginnasi*. It marks either a *contraction* or the *apocope* of a whole syllable, as in the first example (*cacciâr* = *cacciárono*). Its use, however is very arbitrary, like that



of the *diæresis* (·), which is sometimes employed in poetry, if a diphthong is to be pronounced in two syllables, as: *armonioso* (pr. *armoni-o-so*) instead of *armo-nio-so*.

As for the *verbal* accent, the stress is generally laid on the *penultimate* syllable. Thus: *buóno, gránde, amáte, vedéte, il sónno, la lúna, il sóle* etc.

*Exceptions.* a) All verbs, however, in the 3rd person *Plural* have their accent on the *antepenultimate*, as: *cércano\**, *ódonó, séntono, sentivano, scélsero, féceró* etc., except the Future Tense, where the stress is laid on the *penultimate*, as: *ameránno, parleránno, daránno* etc.

b) All the words with the *accento*, as: *amerà, amò, credè* etc.

c) The *voci sdrucciole\*\**), like: *cándido, sdrúcciolo*, too numerous to be committed to memory.

2. The *Apostrophe* (') indicates that a vowel has been dropped. Its use is rather arbitrary in Italian. We give here the principal rules:

a) In the *Singular* the articles *la, lo, una* are apostrophised before all vowels, as: *l'amore* for *lo amore*; *l'ora* for *la ora*.

But sometimes *lo eréde* and *la eréde*, heir and heiress, instead of *l'eréde*, to avoid a misconception.

In the *Plural* the article *gli* is apostrophised before *i* only, and *le* sometimes before *e*, as: *gl'inni*, the hymns; *l'erbe* (commonly *le erbe*), the grasses, as the meeting of two different vowels (for inst. in *gli errori*) is less grating on the ear than the repetition of the same vowel in *gli inni* would be.

b) The words *che, se, mi, ti, gli, le, la, lo, ci, vi, li* ought to be apostrophised before the same vowels only, as: *m'invita*, he invites me, but *mi ama*, and not *m'ama* he loves me.

c) *Buono, buona, santo, santa, grande, questo, questa, quello, quella*, may be apostrophised before all vowels, as: *Sant' Eufemia, quell'ubbríaco*, that drunkard. (See p. 51.)

\*) See Appendix on the Verbs with the stress on the fourth syllable from behind.

\*\*) Liter. *stripping words*, i. e. words with the stress on the antepenultimate.

When the *last* vowel of a word is preceded by *l*, *m*, *n* or *r*, and the *following* word begins with a consonant (except *s impura*), this final vowel may be dropped, without being apostrophised, as:

*A man sinistra*, on the left hand, for: *a mano sinistra*.  
*Egli non vuol parlare*, he will not speak, for: *egli non vuole parlare*.

*Per far questo*, to do that, for: *per fare questo*.

Before *s impura*, however, or when immediately followed by a comma, period etc., these words generally do not reject their final vowels. Thus:

*Egli vuole spendere*, and not *vuol spendere*.  
*Che bella mano!* > > *bella man!\**)

*Note.* Especially in poetry, words in *llo*, as: *cavallo*, *ucello*, drop the last syllable *lo* before consonants (except *s imp.*); thus: *il caval di legno*, the wooden horse, for *cavallo di legno*.

3. The *Hyphen* (-) is used to separate syllables at the end of a line.

a) *Ch*, *gh*, *gn*, *gl*, *sce*, *sci*, *scia*, *scio* cannot be separated. Thus: *po-chi* not *poc-hi*; *fi-glio* not *fig-lio*, etc.

b) *cch*, *ggh*, *cc*, *gg*, *cq* and all other *double* consonants between vowels (exc. *ch*, *gh*, *gn*, *gl*) are separated. Thus: *spec-chio*; *cac-cia*; *bel-lo*; *prez-zo*, etc.

c) The prefixes *bis*, *cis*, *dis*, *es*, *in*, *mis*, *per*, *pos*, *sub*, *tras*, *trans* are always considered as *proper syllables* and therefore *never* separated, for ex.: *cis-alpino* (not *ci-salpino*); *tras-mettere* (not *tra-smettere*).

The *Hyphen* is further used to *join* two words, as: *Grammatica tedesco-italiana*, German-Italian Grammar; *l'armata anglo-francese*, the Anglo-French army.

The *points* or signs of punctuation are:

- (.) Period or full stop, *punto fermo*.
- (:) Colon, *punto doppio* or *due punti*.
- (;) Semicolon, *punto e virgola*.
- (,) Comma, *virgola (comma)*.
- (?) Note of interrogation, *punto interrogativo*.
- (!) Note of exclamation, *punto esclamativo*.
- ( ) Parenthesis, *paréntesi*.
- („) Quotation mark, *virgolette*.
- (—) Dash, *punto sospensivo*.

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\*) In poetry, however, admissible, as: *il cándido tuo vel (= velo)*. (*Betelloni*.)

## First Lesson.

### The Gender of Substantives.

§ 1. *Masculine by signification* are:

1. The names of all *male* beings, as: *Carlo*, Charles; *il Tedesco*, the German; *l'imperatore*, the emperor; *il falegname*, the joiner; *il toro*, the bull, etc.

Except: *la guida*, the guide; *la sentinella*, the sentry; *la spia*, the spy; *la recluta*, the recruit; *la guardia*, the guard.

2. The names of *mountains, trees, and metals*, as: *il Vesúvio*, Vesuvius; *il fico*, the fig-tree; *l'oro*, the gold.

3. The names of *months and days*, as: *il lunedì*, Monday; *Marzo*, March.

4. All words that become substantives by prefixing the article, as: *il bene*, the good; *il bere*, the drink; *il dove*, the place.

Except: *la domenica*, Sunday; *l'elce* (f.), the red oak; *l'edera* (f.), the ivy; *la quercia*, the oak; *la trémula*, the trembling aspen; *l'acácia* (f.), the acacia; *la vite*, the vine; *la betulla*, the birch-tree.

§ 2. *Feminine by signification* are:

1. All names of *female persons and animals*, as: *Giúlia*, Juliet; *la ragazza*, the girl; *la cavalla*, the mare etc.

2. The names of *fruits*, as: *la pera*, the pear; *la ciliegia*, the cherry; *la mela* (also *il pomo*), the apple.

Except the following that signify the *fruit* as well as the tree:

*il cedro*, } the lemon and lemon-tree.  
*il limone*, }  
*il dáttero*, the date and date-tree.  
*il fico*, the fig and fig-tree.  
*il ribes*, the currant and currant-bush\*).

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\*) *Il noce*, nut-tree; *la noce*, the nut.

3. The names of *virtues, vices, sciences and arts*: *la modestia*, modesty; *la bontà*, goodness, *la bugia*, the lie; *la geografia* geography; *la pittura*, the art of painting.

§ 3. *Masculine by termination* are:

1. All nouns ending in *o*, as: *lo scanno*, the bench; *il mondo*, the world.

Except: *la mano*, the hand, and of course feminine proper names, as: *Saffo*, Sappho; *Calisso*, Calypso, etc.

*Note.* Some old Latin words, like *imàgo* for *immàgine*, sometimes occur in ancient poetry. These words, being feminine in Latin, of course retain their gender in Italian. *Eco*, echo, is *masc.* and *fem.*

2. All words ending in *tore*, as: *dottore*, *imperatore*, *attore* — being masculine on account of their meaning.

3. The majority of words ending in *one, nte, re, me, ese, ale, ile*, and *ele*, as: *il cordone*, the string; *il dente*, the tooth; *il fiore*, the flower; *il lume*, the light; *il paese*, the land; *il canale*, the channel; *lo stile*, the style; *il mièle*, (the) honey.

Except: *la scure*, the axe, hatchet; *la gente*, people; *la fame*, hunger; *la febbre*, the fever; *la mente*, the mind; *la polvere*, the dust; *la speme*, the hope; *la bile*, the bile; *la sorgente*, the source; *la corrente*, the current; *la coltre*, the coverlet; *la torre*, the tower; *la canzone*, the song; *la valle*, the valley.

§ 4. *Feminine by termination* are:

1. Words ending in *a* and *ù*, as: *anima*, soul; *la virtù*, virtue.

Except: Names of masculine persons in *a*, as: *Andréa*, *Tobia*, etc. Besides, a great many Greek words, as: *il poeta*, *il monarca*, *il dramma*, *il pianeta*, *il programma*, *l'enigma*, *lo stratagemma*, etc., and a few Italian words in *a*, denoting occupation and dignity of males, as: *il duca*, the duke; *il papa*, the Pope; *il dentista*, the dentist, etc.

*NB.* *Asma*, asthma; *flemma*, phlegm, and *plasma*, red emerald, also an *earthen vessel*, are usually *fem.* *Dramma*, *m.* is *drama* (play); *dramma*, *f.* means *drachm* (a Greek coin or weight). *Tema*, *m.* is *task*, *f.* means *fear*.

2. Most substantives ending in *ine* and *ione*, as: *la gràndine*, the hail; *la passione*, the passion, etc.

Except: *il turbine*, the whirlwind; *il termine*, the term; limit, goal; *l'argine*, the dike, pier; *il fulmine*, the lightning;

*l'ordine*, the order; *il crine*, the horse-hair; *il pèttine*, the comb; *il bastione*, the rampart; *l'arcione*, the saddle-bow; *il padiglione*, the tent.

3. Substantives ending in *ce*, *de*, *ge*, *ie*, *rte*, and *ve*, as: *la radice*, the root; *la fede*, the faith, belief; *la legge*, the law; *la specie*, the species; *la morte*, death; *la neve*, the snow etc.

Except: *il pollice*, the thumb; *il pesce*, the fish; *il cálice*, the chalice, the communion-cup; *il piede*, the foot.

§ 5. Most nouns ending in *i* are *feminine*, as: *la crisi*, *la sintassi* (syntax), etc.

Except: *il brindisi*\*, the toast; *il Tamigi*, the Thames; *il barbagianni*, the owl; *il dì*, the day, and its compounds, as: *Lunedì*, Monday; *Mercoledì*, Wednesday, etc. Likewise the names of *men* and a few *compound* substantives; Ex.: *Giovanni*, John; *il guastamestieri*, the spoil-trade, bungler (*guastare* to spoil; *mestieri*, business, trade); *il guardaboschi*, the game-keeper (*guardare*, to keep; *boschi*, woods).

§ 6. The following nouns are both *masc.* and *fem.*

*cárcere* (*Pl. f.*), the prison.

*cénere* (*Pl. f.*), the ashes.

*dimane* (poet.), morning.

*fante*, *m.* foot-soldier, varlet;

*f.* servant (maid).

*fine*, the end, the aim.

*fólgore*, the lightning.

*fonte*, the spring, the well.

*fronte*, the forehead.

*gregge* (*Pl. f.*), the flock.

*lepre*, the hare.

*oste*, the army (poet.), the host, landlord.

*palude*, the marsh, morass.

*rene*, the reins (kidney).

*serpe* (poet.), the snake.

*trave*, the beam, trave.

### Remarks.

*Cénéri* (*Pl. f.*) signifies the *ashes* or *cinders of the dead*, and therefore poetically: *Death*. *Il giorno delle ceneri*, means Ash-Wednesday.

*dimane m.*, is *to-morrow*; *f.* the *morning*.

*fólgore*, when meaning a *great hero*, is masculine, thus: *un fólgore di guerra* (French: *un foudre de guerre*).

*fonte* figuratively used means *origin*.

*fronte* is more frequently *feminine* than *masculine*.

*rene* is *m.* in *Sing.*; in the *Plur.* it is *m.* and *f.*

\* Perhaps from the Germ.: *ich bring' dir fr.*, i. e. *die Gesundheit*, I drink your good health.

## Formation of female appellations.

## § 7. Principal rules:

1. Masculine nouns in *o* form their feminine in *a*, as:

<i>il ragazzo</i> , the boy.	<i>la ragazza</i> , the girl.
<i>il servo</i> , the man-servant.	<i>la serva</i> , the maid-servant.
<i>il lupo</i> , the he-wolf.	<i>la lupa</i> , the she-wolf.
<i>l'indovino</i> , the fortune teller.	<i>l'indovina</i> , the female fortune teller.

Except: *il filosofo* — *la filosofessa*; *il canónico* — *la canonichezza*; *il diávolo* — *la diavolessa*, and *il dio* — *la dea*.

2. Masculine substantives in *a* form their fem. in *essa*:

<i>il profeta</i> , the prophet.	<i>la profetessa</i> , the prophetess.
<i>l'arciduca</i> , the archduke.	<i>l'arciduchessa</i> , the archduchess.
<i>il poeta</i> , the poet.	<i>la poetessa</i> , the poetess.

Except: *l'artista*, the artist; fem. *la (l')artista*, the (female) artist, and *il pianista*, the pianist; fem. *la pianista*, the (female) pianist.

3. Masculine nouns in *e* form their fem. in *a*:

<i>il padrone</i> , the master.	<i>la padrona</i> , the mistress.
<i>lo scolare</i> , the pupil.	<i>la scolara</i> , the pupil (f.).

Except the names of *nations* in *ese*, the *partic. pres.* in *ante* and *ente* when used *substantively*, words ending in *éfce*, and a few words indicating *relation*, where the difference of gender is marked by the article only. Thus:

<i>l'artéfice</i> , the artificer,	fem. <i>la artéfice (l'artefice)</i> .
<i>il Danése</i> , the Dane,	» <i>la Danése</i> .
<i>il cantánte</i> , the singer,	» <i>la cantánte</i> .
<i>un conoscente</i> , an acquaintance,	» <i>una conoscente</i> .
<i>il nipote</i> , the nephew,	» <i>la nipote</i> .
<i>il consorte</i> , the husband,	» <i>la consorte</i> .
<i>il tigre</i> , the tiger,	» <i>la tigre</i> .
<i>l'erede</i> , the heir,	» <i>la erede (l'erede)</i> .

4. Nouns ending in *tore* form the fem. with *trice*:

<i>l'imperatore</i> , the emperor,	fem. <i>l'imperatrice</i> .
<i>l'autore</i> , the author,	» <i>l'autrice</i> .
<i>il pittore</i> , the painter,	» <i>la pittrice</i> .
<i>il direttore</i> , the director,	» <i>la direttrice</i> .

*Exceptions:*

<i>l'abáte</i> , the abbot,	fem. <i>l'abbadéssa (badessa)</i> .
<i>il baróne</i> , the baron,	» <i>la baronessa</i> .

<i>il conte</i> , the count,	<i>fem. la contessa</i> .
<i>il dottore</i> , the doctor,	> <i>la dottoressa</i> .
<i>il fattore</i> , the administrator,	> <i>la fattorressa</i> .
<i>il gigante</i> , the giant,	> <i>la gigantessa</i> .
<i>l'elefante</i> , the elephant,	> <i>l'elefantessa</i> .
<i>il leone</i> , the lion,	> <i>la leonessa</i> .
<i>il mercante</i> , the merchant,	> <i>la mercantessa</i> .
<i>l'oste</i> , the host, landlord,	> <i>l'ostessa</i> .
<i>il pavone</i> , the peacock,	> <i>la pavonessa</i> .
<i>il principe</i> , the prince,	> <i>la principessa</i> .
<i>il sacerdote</i> , the priest,	> <i>la sacerdotessa</i> .

*Irregular are:*

<i>l'uomo</i> , the man.	<i>la donna</i> , the woman.
<i>il re</i> , the king.	<i>la regina</i> , the queen.
<i>l'eroe</i> , the hero.	<i>l'eroina</i> , the heroine.
<i>il becco</i> , the he-goat.	<i>la capra</i> , the she-goat.
<i>il bue</i> , the ox.	<i>la vacca, la mucca</i> , the cow.
<i>il cane</i> , the dog.	<i>la cagna</i> , the bitch.
<i>il gallo</i> , the cock.	<i>la gallina</i> , the hen.
<i>il montone</i> , the ram.	<i>la pecora</i> , the ewe.

*Note.* The pupil is advised to form the Feminine gender of the following substantives:

The neighbour, *il vicino*; the neighbour (*f.*), *la* —; the heir, *l'erede*; the heiress, *la* —; the seducer, *il seduttore*; the seducer (*f.*), *la* —; the king, *il re*; the queen, *la* —; the gardener, *il giardiniere*; the gardener's wife, *la* —; the fisherman, *il pescatore*; the fisher-woman, *la* —; the count, *il conte*; the countess, *la* —; the duke, *il duca*; the duchess, *la* —; the tom-cat, *il gatto*; the she-cat, *la* —; the hero, *l'eroe*; the heroine, *l'* —; the artist, *l'artista*; the artist (*f.*), *la* —; the prince, *il principe*; the princess, *la* —; the Milanese, *il Milanese*; the Milanese (*f.*), *la* —; the Frenchman, *il Francese*; the French-woman, *la* —; the benefactor, *il benefattore*; the benefactress, *la* —; God, *Dio*; the goddess, *la* —; the dog, *il cane*; the bitch, *la* —; the brother-in-law, *il cognato*; the sister-in-law, *la* —; the friar, monk, *il monaco*; the nun, *la* —; the giant, *il gigante*; the giantess, *la* —; the tiger, *il tigre*; the tigress, *la* —.

**Traduzione. 71.**

The king and the queen spoke to the count and the countess. Miss Mary is a rich heiress. The sentinel arrested (*fr. arrestare*) the spy and his guide. An avenger (*vendica-*

*tore*, m.) will arise (fr. *nascere*) from our ashes. Mr. M. is a Milanese, he is a clever singer (*cantante*). In the menagerie (*serraglio*, m.) there were lions and lionesses, male and female elephants, peacocks and pea-hens. (The) Historical criticism does not admit, that a popess Jane ever lived (*Subj. pass.*) The maid of Saragossa was a great heroine. The old heathens had many gods and goddesses. Bitches are generally more faithful than dogs. The countess was always a great benefactress of the poor (*Pl.*). This monk is a Frenchman, and this nun is an English lady. At the fair (*fiera*, f.) one sees giants and giantesses, male and female artists, male and female fortune-tellers. In this city there are poetesses, lady-painters, and lady-writers (fr. *scrittore*), but no lady-doctors. In each profession there are bunglers. The river flows (fr. *scorrere*) through charming (*ameno*) valleys, and waters (fr. *irrigare*) fertile fields (*campagna*) by (*per mezzo di*) several canals. I have arrived with the doctor's wife and with the landlady. His sister-in-law is the authoress (*f.*) of the new romance (*romanzo*).

### Reading Exercise. 72.

#### La patria.

La casa ove nascemmo, il paese dove fummo allevati; il luoghi dove tripudiammo fanciulli, quell'albero che vedemmo nascere, quel prato ove prima cogliemmo margheritine e viole: quanto ci riescono (*become to us*) cari a rivedere! Quanto ci piace il tornarvi (*to return there*) dopo (essere) rimasti alquanto lontani! Oh la patria! In essa sono le ricordanze prime tanto soavi: essa alimenta vivi o copre morti i nostri genitori, i compagni dei primi trastulli, i conoscenti; quivi si ode la favella, colla quale nostra madre consolò i primi nostri patimenti e c'insegnò a nominare nostro padre e quell'altro padre ch'è nei cieli: la favella in cui snodammo la lingua per vezzeggiare coloro che ci avevano dato la vita; la favella in cui ricevemmo i primi consigli, i primi insegnamenti, le prime amorévoli parole. Quanto è dunque naturale *il volere bene* (*to love*) alla patria! Anche le rondini dalle lontane terre ove passarono l'inverno, tornano fedeli al loro nido.

Nè mai si sente l'amor della patria, come quando si è costretti (*one is obliged*\*) ad allontanarsene. Non ti è mai toccato di rimanere alcun tempo fuori della tua terra natia? tanto più se diviso dai tuoi genitori? Al ritorno come ti bal-

\*) The past participle is here employed (with *si*) in the Plural, in order to express more distinctly the generality. This, however, is not always to be imitated.



zava il cuore, come spingevi innanzi lo sguardo, per vedere la croce sul campanile o sulla guglia del tuo paese! Or pensa chi ne è diviso da monti e da mari e per anni ed anni! Non vedere mai visi conosciuti, non incontrare mai gli amici, i parenti, il curato a cui domandammo tante volte un parere: non accorrere mai al suono della nostra campana nella chiesa, a cantare Iddio ed invocarlo.

## Second Lesson.

### The Plural of Substantives.

The principal rules for the formation of the Plural have been given Less. 2 (p. 12). There we observed that:

1. All *masculine* nouns ending in *o*, *a* or *e* form the Plural in *i*.
2. All *feminine* nouns in *a* form the Plur. in *e*.
3. All *substantives* in *e* take *i*.

### Irregularities.

We now add some special rules on nouns ending in *co* and *go*.

1. Although the *stress* is laid on the *penultimate*, the following words form their Plur in *ci* (gi), instead of *chi* (ghi):

*Amico*, Pl. *amici*, friend; *porco* (pig), Pl. *porci*; *nemico* Pl. *nemici*; *Greco* (Greek) and *magico* (wizard), Pl. *Greci* and *magi*; the latter, however, only in: *I tre re magi*, the holy three Kings; — the *wizards* means *i maghi*; *greco* (adj.) forms sometimes in poetry also *grechi*.

2. Words ending in *co* with the stress on the *antepenultimate* form the Plur in *chi* (contrary to the generale rule); thus:

*Cárico*, charge, Pl. *carichi*; *fóndaco*, warehouse; *mánico*, handle; *párroco*, parson; *rammárico*, sorrow; *stómaco*, stomach; *tóssico*, poison; *traffico*, trade, commerce.

**NB.** The following nouns have both *chi* and *ci*, but *ci* predominates nowadays:

*Austriaco*, Austrian; *benéfico*, charitable; *eróico*, heroical; *físico*, physical; *malédico*, calumnious; *maléfico*, noxious; *músico*, musical; *mónaco*, monk; *político*, political; *prático*, prac-

tical, expert; *público*, public; *rustico*, rustic; *selvático*, savage; *stórico*, historical; *venéfico*, venomous.

3. Of the word in *go* with the stress on the *ante-penultimate*, *spárago*, asparagus, forms the Plur. in *gi* only. All the others have either *ghi*, according to the general rule, or admit of *both* terminations.

Rules concerning nouns in *io*:

1. Those with the *stress* on *i*, as: *mormorio*, murmur, *zio*, uncle, *leggio*, reading-desk, form their Plur. in *ii*, as: *mormortí*, *zìi*, etc.

2. Where *i* is only a sign of pronunciation (see I. P. Less. 2, 6), the *o* is simply *dropped*. This is the case with the terminations *cio*, *gio*, and *gio*, as: *arancio* (orange); Pl. *aranci*; *foglio*, Pl. *fogli*.

3. Where *i* is sounded (not the *suono schiacciato*, see P. 207), as in *studio*, *ginnasio*, the orthography is undecided. Some modern authors write *ii*, as: *studii*, *ginnásii*, others use the circumflex, as: *studì*, *ginnasì*, etc. In general the *o* is simply *dropped*, as: *studì*, *ginnasì*.

4. Words in *aio*, as: *calzolaio* (shoemaker) drop the *o*, as: *calzolai*. But *tempio* (temple), and *principio* (principle, beginning) take *ii* or *ì*, in order to mark the difference from *tempi* (times), and *principi* (princes). In such words *j* is now obsolete.

5. Some poetical irregularities are: *animai* (for «animali»), *augei* (for «uccelli»); *capegli* (for «capelli», hair).

Some *masculine* words in *o* have both a regular Plural in *i* and another *feminine* Plural in *a*, more rarely in *e*. (The forms in parentheses are less frequent.) They are:

*l'anello*, the ring,  
*il braccio*, the arm, yard,  
*il budello*, the gut,  
*il calcagno*, the heel,  
*il castello*, the castle,  
*il cervello*, the brains,

*il ciglio*, the eye-brow,  
*il corno*, the horn,  
*il cuoio*, the leather,  
*il dito*, the finger,  
~~*il ditello*, the armpit,~~

*l'acacia* — *le acacie*.

Plur.

*gli anelli* — (*le anella*).  
*(i bracci)* — *le braccia*.  
*i budelli* — *le budella*.  
*(i calcagni)* — *le calcagna*.  
*i castelli* — (*le castella*).  
*i cervelli* (opinons) — *le cervella*.  
*(i cigli)* — *le ciglia*.  
*i corni* (instrum.) — *le corna*.  
*i cuoi* — *le cuoia*.  
*(i diti)* — *le dita*.  
~~*i ditelli* — *le ditella*.~~

<i>il filo</i> , the thread,	<i>i fili</i> of cloth etc. — <i>le fila</i> of a plan etc.
<i>il fondamento</i> , the base, basement,	<i>i fondamenti</i> (figuratively) — <i>le fondamenta</i> . [(fruits).
<i>il frutto</i> , the fruit,	<i>i frutti</i> (the profit) — <i>le frutta</i>
<i>il fuso</i> , the spindle,	<i>i fusi</i> — <i>le fusa</i> .
<i>il gesto</i> , the gesture,	<i>i gesti</i> — <i>le gesta</i> (great deeds).
<i>il ginocchio</i> , the knee,	( <i>i ginocchi</i> ) — <i>le ginocchia</i> .
<i>il gomito</i> , the elbow,	<i>i gomiti</i> — ( <i>le gomita</i> ).
<i>il grido</i> , the cry,	( <i>i gridi</i> ) — <i>le grida</i> .
<i>il labbro</i> , the lip,	( <i>i labbri</i> ) — <i>le labbra</i> .
<i>il legno</i> , the wood (also carriage),	<i>i legni</i> (carriages, vehicles, ships) — <i>le legna</i> , fire-wood.
<i>il lenzuolo</i> , the sheet,	( <i>i lenzuoli</i> ) — <i>le lenzuola</i> .
<i>il membro</i> , the limb, member,	<i>i membri</i> (members) — <i>le membra</i> .
<i>il muro</i> , the wall,	<i>i muri</i> — <i>le mura</i> (w. of a town).
<i>l'osso</i> , the bone,	<i>gli ossi</i> — <i>le ossa</i> (the dead body, the ashes).
<i>il pomo</i> , the apple,	<i>i pomi</i> — ( <i>le poma</i> ).
<i>il quadrello</i> , the brick; the arrow,	<i>i quadrelli</i> (bricks) — <i>le quadrella</i> (arrows).
<i>il riso</i> , the laughter; the rice,	<i>i risi</i> (rice) — <i>le risa</i> (laughter).
<i>il sacco</i> , the sack, bag.	<i>i sacchi</i> — <i>le sacca</i> .
<i>il tempo</i> , the time,	<i>i tempi</i> — <i>le quattro tempora</i> , the four ember-weeks.
<i>il vestigio</i> , the track, trace, foot-step.	<i>i vestigi</i> — <i>le vestigia</i> .
<i>il vestimento</i> , the vestment, clothing,	<i>i vestimenti</i> — ( <i>le vestimenta</i> ).

*NB.* In ancient poetry occur the irreg. Plur. *coltella* (knives), *foglia* (leaves of plants), *letta* (beds), and *mulina* (mills). Besides, the Plurals: *budelle*, *dilelle*, *frutte*, *geste*, *gride*, *legne*, *osse*, *pome*, and *vestige* are also met with.

The following words form their Plural always in *a*:

*il centinaio*, the hundred-weight — *le centinaia*.  
*il miglio*, the mile — *le miglia*.  
*un migliaio*, some thousand — *le migliaia*.  
*mille*, 1000 — *mila* (in compound numbers).  
*il moggio*, the bushel — *le moggia*.  
*un paio*, a pair, couple — *le paia*.  
*l'uovo*, the egg — *le uova*.

The following nouns have different terminations in the Singular:

1. Those in *ere* have also *ero*:*il forestiere*, the foreigner or *il forestiero*.*il pensiero*, the thought or *il pensiero*.*il destriere*, the steed or *il destriero*.*lo scolare*, the scholar or *lo scolaro*.2. Those in *aio* have also *aro*:*il libráio*, the bookseller or *il libraro* (seldom used).*Gennáio*, January or *Gennaro*.*il calzolaio*, the shoemaker or *il calzolaro*.

## 3. The following have also two forms:

*l'ala*, the wing — *ale*.*l'arma*, the weapon — *arme*.*la canzone*, the song — (*canzona*).*la dote*, the gift — (*dota*).*la fronde* the foliage — (*fronde*).*la greggia*, the flock — *gregge*.*la lode*, the praise — (*loda*). (Dante also *il lodo*.)*la redina*, the bridle — *redine*.*la scure*, the axe — (*scura*).*la veste*, the dress — (*vesta*).

The following are used in the Singular only:

*Pasqua*, Easter.*la cancrena*, the gangrene.*Pentecoste*, Whitsuntide.*la roba*, the luggage.*prole*, family, offspring.*la carie*, caries (rottenness of the bones).*progénie*, progeny, children.*la rosolia*, the measles.*mane*, morning.

Used in the Plural only are:

*I calzoni*, the trowsers.*i vanni*, the pinions, wings.*le eséquie*, the funeral.*gli annali*, the annals.*le interiora* } the entrails.*i mustacchi*, } mustache.*le viscere* }*le basette*,*le fáuci*, the gullet.*i baffi*;*le fórbici* or *la forbice*, the scissors.*le mutande*, drawers.*le molle* (-i), the tongs.*gli occhiali*, spectacles.*le nozze*, the wedding.*le ténèbre*, darkness.*gli sponsali*, the betrothal.*i viveri*, the victuals.

The following nouns change their signification in the Plural:

Plur.

*Il ceppo*, the trunk (of a tree),*i ceppi*, the fetters.*il costume*, the use, law,*i costumi*, manners and customs.*il ferro*, (the) iron.*i ferri*, the fetters.

## Plur.

<i>il fasto</i> , pride,	<i>i fasti</i> , the cannals.
<i>il genitore</i> , the father,	<i>i genitori</i> , the parents.
<i>la gente</i> , people,	<i>le genti</i> , the nations.
<i>la grazia</i> , grace, favour,	<i>le grazie</i> , the thanks.
<i>la misura</i> , the measure,	<i>le misure</i> , the dispositions, means.
<i>il Natale</i> , Christmas,	<i>i natali</i> (poet.), the birth.
<i>il rame</i> , the copper,	<i>i rami</i> , engravings.
<i>il sale</i> , the salt,	<i>i sali</i> , witticisms.

## Traduzione. 73.

1. The eighteenth century produced good poets in Germany. He conducted the threads of the whole conspiracy. Some heathen temples were changed into churches by the christians. The French soldiers wear red pantaloons. Spectacles are seldom wanting on the (*nel*) portrait of a German scholar. So many men, so many opinions (*lit.*: so many heads, so many senses). The *Accademia della Crusca* consists of real (active) and of honorary members; it has its seat in Florence and occupies itself principally with (*di*) linguistic questions. When we entered the house, we heard terrible cries. The temples of the ancient Greeks were magnificent. Why do you not speak the truth? You know that I hate (the) lies. There were many foreigners in the hotels of the city. All nations have learned something from the Greeks. I prefer (the) Spanish wine to (the) Greek. (The) vultures belong to the birds of prey (*uccello di rapina*). Have you seen the Austrian steamers? The walls of Troy (*Tróia*) protected the town during (*per*) ten years against the Greek armies.

2. The great deeds of Alexander filled the world with (*di*) astonishment and admiration. The fruits of his labour procured (*procurare*) him an agreeable life. Why have you not put some fruit on the table? I shall not expose myself to their laughter (*Pl.*). In many Italian provinces one finds either in the language or in the blood or in the manners of the people traces of foreign nations. (The) Distances are nowadays no more calculated by miles, but by kilometers. Columbus took (*volle seco*) his fetters [with him] to the grave. A dozen eggs cost seventy cents last week. Of a blockhead one says in Italy: 'He does not even know how many fingers he has' (*Subj.*). In the box, (which) I send you, you will find a pair of new breeches, two pairs of sheets, a pair of scissors, and the books (which) you need for your study. The three holy kings followed the star which conducted them to Bethlehem. (The) Science has scared away the darkness of ignorance and uncovered the deceits of (the) oracles and (the) magicians. He died with the name of God on [his] (the) lips.

## Reading Exercise. 74.

## La patria.

(Continuation.)

Oh come allora si fissa lo sguardo sulle montagne o sul cielo dal lato della patria nostra! Di che prezzo sembra ogni minima cosa che ci richiami l'idea della patria! Io ho provato queste amarezze<sup>1)</sup>; e quando udiva qualcuno parlare la lingua del mio paese, mi balzava il cuore come se avessi inteso mio padre. E quando sotto rigidi climi vidi in un giardino crescere un gelso<sup>2)</sup>, con che tenerezza abbracciai e baciai la pianta, i cui lunghissimi filari<sup>3)</sup> portano<sup>4)</sup> beltà e ricchezza alle campagne d'Italia.

Infelice colui che è costretto a forza (a) staccarsi<sup>5)</sup> dalla patria! Se qualche esule<sup>6)</sup> tu incontri, non lo insultare: compatiscilo<sup>7)</sup>, soccorrilo, fa che trovi qui un'altra patria, altri fratelli, per ristoro<sup>8)</sup> dei fratelli, della patria che lasciò, e che tanto amava.

E noi amiamo la patria nostra; amiamo l'Italia, questo cielo così ridente, questo clima temperato, questo suolo così fecondo, questo linguaggio così armonioso, parlato da tanti cittadini, uniti con noi nell'amore della patria comune, nei patimenti<sup>9)</sup> nelle gioie, nelle speranze.

Césaire Cantù.

1) Bitter feelings. 2) mulberry-tree. 3) rows (of trees). 4) to bring, to bestow. 5) to depart. 6) exile. 7) to pity. 8) as an equivalent. 9) sufferings.

## Third Lesson.

## The Article.

There are a great many deviations in the use of the article, the most important of which have already been given in the first part of the grammar. In general, the article is more frequently used than in English, and as a perfect knowledge of these peculiarities is of the utmost importance, the learner should be careful to observe the following rules:

A. The *definite* article is used:

1. After the verb *avere*, if particular qualities of an *organic* body are mentioned, as\*):

\*) The same as in French: "Françoise a les cheveux blonds".

*Francesca ha i denti bianchi, gli occhi azzurri, i capelli biondi e le labbra vermiglie.*

Frances has white teeth, blue eyes, fair hair, and red lips.

*Questo ragazzo ha la testa rotonda.*

This boy has a round head.

2. Before *di cui* (also *cui*), whose, as:

*L'uomo la di cui (la cui) reputazione è perduta, è sfortunato.*

The man whose reputation is lost, is unhappy.

3. Before *abstract notions*, when taken in their whole extent, as:

*L'occupazione è il miglior rimedio contra la noia.*

Occupation is the best remedy for ennui.

Before the names of *countries, provinces, etc.* when qualified by an adjective importing *direction* or *ascent*, as:

*L'Italia settentrionale.*

*L'Austria superiore.*

Northern Italy.

Upper Austria.

Except when used in the *Genitive* and as an equivalent for an adjective derived from the name of a nation, as:

*Il parlamento d'Inghilterra*, the English parliament.

*L'ambasciatore di Francia*, the French ambassador.

*L'imperatore d'Austria*, the Austrian emperor.

The names, too, of countries the *capital* of which has the same, name, are used *without* the article as: *Nápoli*, Naples; *Parma*, etc.

4. With the two names *Charlemagne* and *Alexander the Great*, no article is placed before the (Lat.) adjective *magno*, thus: *Carlomagno*; *Alessandro magno*. This is also the case in the expression: *Maria Vèrgine* (the holy Virgin).

5. Before family names, as: *L'Ariosto*, Ariosto; *il Tasso*, Tasso, etc.

But not when they are preceded by *Christian names*, as: *Dante Alighieri*, *Michelángelo Buonarroti*.

6. Before the following names of towns: *il Cáiro*, *la Mirándola*, *la Bastía*, *la Rocella*, Rochelle; *l'Aia*, the Hague, *la Mecca*.

7. Before names of females in familiar conversation, as: *la Cristina*, *la Fiammetta*, etc.

8. In expressions like: *alla turca*, after the Turkish fashion, *all'inglese*, etc.

9. Before words implying a *higher rank* or *dignity*, as: *il conte Pallavicini*, count P.; *il principe Eugenio*, prince E.; *l'arcivescovo Turpino* Archbishop Turpin, and before the words *signore*, *signora*, and *signorina* (provided they are not used in the Vocative case).

*Note.* The French forms *Madama*, *Madamigella*, are sometimes used instead of *Signora*, *Signorina*, which should then be followed by the definite article, as in French. Ex.: *Madamigella la contessa* (Mademoiselle la Comtesse), Countess....; *Madama la Baronessa* (Madame la Baronne), Baroness....

10. In many expressions like:

*Imparare o sapere il francese, l'italiano*, etc.  
To learn or to know French, Italian.

*Astenersi dal vino.*  
To abstain from wine.

*Suonare il pianoforte.*  
To play the piano.

*Giucare alle carte, al biliardo.*  
To play at cards, at billiards.

*Sia il benvenuto!*  
Welcome, Sir!

*Augurare il buon giorno.*  
To wish good morning.

*Domandare l'elemosina.*  
To beg one's charity.

*Entrò (il) pel primo, (la) pella prima.*  
He (she) entered first.

*Perdere la pazienza.*  
To lose one's patience.

*Verso la sera, verso le sei.*  
Towards (the) evening, at about 6 o'clock.

*La settimana scorsa; l'anno scorso*, etc.  
Last week; last year.

*Dare del tu, del voi, del lei.*  
To address a person with „thou“, „you“.

*B.* The definite article is omitted:

1. Before the names of the months, as

*Genndio*, January.

*Il mese di Marzo*, March.



But the article is used, when these names are followed by some other word denoting *time* etc., as:

*Nell'Ottobre dell'anno scorso.*

2. Before ordinal numbers, when used with the names of sovereigns, as:

*Carlo decimo*, Charles X.

*Enrico quarto*, Henry IV.

*Note.* If *Santo* (*San*) precedes a *proper name*, the article is omitted, as: *San Carlo*, St. Charles. Before an appellative noun the construction is as in English, as: *la santa cena*, the Lord's supper, the holy eucharist; *il santo padre*, the holy father.

3. Before the days of the week, as in English. Ex.:

*Vi andrò Lunedì o Martedì.*

I shall go there on Monday or Tuesday.

Except when the *same day* of each *consecutive* week is meant, as:

*Il vapore per Corfù parte da Trieste il Martedì ed il Venerdì.*

The steamer to Corfu starts from Trieste *every* Tuesday and Friday.

4. After the verbs *essere*, to be; *divenire*, *diventare*, to become; *fare*, to make; *nascere*, to be born as . . . , *morire*, to die as . . . ; *parere*, *sembrare*, to seem; *essere creduto*, *riputato*, to be believed, to be taken for: *ritornare*, to come back as . . . ; *essere dichiarato*, to be declared; *proclamare*, to proclaim; *mostrarsi*, to show one self, etc., if these verbs are followed by a *substantive* implying *dignity*, *rank*, *nation*, etc. Examples:

*Sono Italiano* \*), I am an Italian.

*Luigi Napoleone venne eletto imperatore.*

Louis Napoleon was elected emperor.

*Egli nacque principe*, he is a prince by birth.

*Davide fu proclamato re d'Israele.*

David was proclaimed king of Israel.

5. When speaking of much frequented places, as:

*Andare a scuola*, to go to school.

*Essere in chiesa*, to be at church.

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\*) Except when used with *ecco* (there is, here is), or if an *attribute* is added to the *Substantive* as: *ecco un Inglese*, here is an Englishman. *Il signor N. è un medico di merito*, Mr. N. is a physician of great merit.

6. In a great many phrases, as: *sotto protesto*, under pretext; *dopo pranzo*, after dinner; *essere d'avviso*, to be of opinion; *chiuder occhio*, *trovar modo di*, *andare a caccia*, etc.

C. The *Indefinite article* is omitted:

1. After the verb *essere*. (See the above rule B. 4.)

2. In *Apposition* (i. e. an explanatory addition to the Nominative or Accusative case), which in English generally requires the indefinite article, as: *l'avaro, commedia di Molière*, the Miser, a comedy by M.

*Note.* In English the definite article is occasionally used with the noun in apposition, as: *the lion, the king of animals*. When such an apposition is to be taken *in quite a general sense*, and expresses a *fact known by everybody*, the definite article is used in Italian as in English. Ex.: *Il leone, il re degli animali. Goethe e Schiller, i più grandi poeti della Germania*, G. and Sch., the greatest poets of Germany.

3. In such cases, where the notion is quite indefinite, as:

*Se assiso in sì gran teatro (poet.).*

If sitting in so large a theatre.

4. In many expressions, like:

*Far segno*, to make a sign.

*Far regalo (dono)*, to make a present.

*Dar principio*, to begin.

*Mettere fine*, to make an end.

*Dare, attaccare battaglia*, to engage in battle.

*Prestare servizio*, to do a service, to be of use.

*Far piacere*, to give pleasure.

Both languages agree:

1. In many proverbial expressions, as:

*Vivere insieme come cane e gatto.*

To agree like cat and dog.

*Povertà non è onta*, poverty is no disgrace.

2. Where similar words are rapidly enumerated and finally comprehended in a general expression, like *tutto, niente, nulla*, etc., as:\*)

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\*) It may be observed here, that with the above exceptions, the article should always be repeated where in English it is usually omitted as: I have seen the brothers and sisters, *ho veduto i fratelli e le sorelle*.

*Vecchi, uomini donne, fanciulli, tutti furono trucidati.*  
Old and young men, women and children, all were killed.

3. Headings in books: *atto primo*, first act; *scena terza*, third scene; *libro quinto*, fifth book, etc.

4. After *nè* — *nè*, neither — nor, and *mai*, never.

*Nè preghiere nè minacce potevano muoverlo.*

Neither prayers nor menaces could move him.

*Mai predizione ebbe un compimento sì pronto.* (Botta.)

Never a prediction was so promptly fulfilled.

5. After the prepositions *con*, *senza*, *per*, *di*, *a*, *da*, etc., when these particles form *adverbial expressions* with the following substantive, as:

*Con pazienza*, with patience (= patiently).

*Con piacere*, with pleasure.

*Con permesso*, with permission.

*Con cura*, carefully.

*Senza danaro*, without money.

*Senza cerimonie*, without trouble.

*Per ordine*, by order.

*Sotto pena di morte*, on pain of death.

*Di notte*, by night.

*Di giorno*, by day.

*Da galantuomo*, as an honest man.

*Per anno . . .*, a year, per annum.

*Per mese*, monthly.

*Per terra*, by land.

*Per mare*, by sea, etc.

*Note.* It will be easily understood, that all these words, when used in a *definite* sense, require the article as in English. Ex.: *Senza il danaro che mi avete promesso*, without the money you have promised me.

6. After a great many verbs that require the prepositions *di*, *a* or *da*, if the following noun is employed in a *general* sense, as:

*Colmare di benefizi*, to overwhelm with benefits.

*Vivere di pane*, to live upon bread.

*Scendere da cavallo*, to dismount, to alight.

*Essere a cavallo*, to be on horseback.

*Morire di noia*, to die of ennui, etc.

7. Finally, in many expressions like the following, where the verb together with the substantive suggest but *one idea*, for instance: *rendere grazie*, to thank

(liter. to render thanks); *prestar fede*, to believe (liter. to lend faith). Such expressions are:

<i>Aver fame</i> , to be hungry.	<i>Aver motivo</i> , to have a reason.
<i>Aver sete</i> , to be thirsty.	<i>Far paura</i> , to frighten.
<i>Aver cura</i> , to take care.	<i>Far caso di</i> , to care for.
<i>Aver compassione</i> , to pity.	<i>Far menzione</i> , to mention.
<i>Aver vergogna</i> , to be ashamed.	<i>Aver voglia</i> , to have a mind.
<i>Aver ragione</i> , to be right.	<i>Aver bisogno</i> , to want.
<i>Aver torto</i> , to be wrong.	<i>Prendere parte</i> , to participate.
<i>Prendere piede</i> , to settle (somewhere).	<i>Rendere grazie</i> , to thank.
<i>Prendere moglie</i> , to take a wife.	<i>Rendere conto</i> , to account for.
<i>Prendere terra</i> , to land.	<i>Correre rischio</i> , to run the risk.
<i>Correre fortuna</i> , to risk, etc.	<i>Far mostra</i> , to feign.
	<i>Chiedere perdono</i> , to beg pardon.

#### Traduzione. 75.

Napoleon had (from *fare*) himself crowned emperor, after having first been (*dopo essere stato*) named consul. Coriolanus was declared [an] enemy of his country. The king has made Mr. N. counsellor of state (*consigliere di stato*). The assembly has elected me president. They say that Dante had a long nose, black hair and a dark complexion. Italians easily learn French. The young man (*il giovinetto*) said: I shall become (from *farsi*) an officer. Demosthenes was a great orator. Never had [any] general been honoured like Turenne. Whoever is a good Christian, will never be a bad citizen. My coachman (*cocchiere*) is a Frenchman, and my footman a German. My mother is an Englishwoman. I have been learning (*transl.* I learn) Italian for (*transl.* since) six months; I have (*prendo*) two lessons a week, on Mondays and on Thursdays, and though I do not undertake (*transl.* I dare not) to read Dante and Tasso, yet (*però*) I am able to understand easy books. My elder (*maggiore*) brother is a lawyer, [my] younger a physician. Alexander, the son of Philip (*Filippo*) of Macedonia, made himself master of Tyros, capital of (*della*) Phœnicia. Æsop was (*era oriundo*) from Phrygia (*Frigia*), a province of Asia Minor; he was a slave of Xanthus (*Xanto*), a rather (*piuttosto*) celebrated philosopher. This man is a clever artist; he is an Italian. Napoleon made himself the protector of the Rhenish Confederation (*Confederazione del Reno*). Pharaoh made Joseph his vice-roy (*vicere*), although he was a Jew. Many European merchants have settled themselves in (*Dat.*) Cairo. In Aix-la-Chapelle one sees the grave of Charlemagne. The king of Holland resides at the (*Dat.*) Hague.

## Traduzione. 76.

Let us pity (*aver compassione*) the (*Gen.*) unhappy men! You are right, my friend; Frederick was wrong. The faint-hearted man fears even his own shadow. White garments are the symbol of innocence. You will never have [any] reason to complain (*lagnarsi*) of my behaviour. Monuments, thrones, palaces, all perish, all fall to ruin. Call on me after dinner! Old and young men, women and children, all were snatched away by the plague. We landed at the island of Cyprus (*Cipro*). Are you hungry? No, I am thirsty. Will you come along with me? I thank you for all (that) you have given me. The ostrich has long legs, a long neck, and very short wings. He pretended to (*far mostra di*) sleep. You run the risk of losing (*Infin.*) all your money. Are you not ashamed to (behave like that) act thus? We read 'the Bride of Abydos', a poem by Lord Byron. The fox has a more slender form than the wolf. My children have blue eyes and fair hair. Fear produces superstition. Modesty is a great virtue. I make this proposition to you in order to put an end to this dispute. In this town one sees healthy and vigorous persons who are not ashamed of begging alms. We have read the *Promessi sposi*, a jewel of Italian novel-writing (*letteratura romanzesca*). I shall be here on Saturday. My mother has arrived first. The tutor went out (the) last.

## Reading Exercise. 77.

## Cristoforo Colombo.

Cristoforo Colombo, nato presso Genova da parenti poveri il (*in the year*) 1441, persuaso che la ricchezza migliore è l'imparare\*) qualche cosa, si diede attento<sup>1)</sup> allo studio, ove non solo profittava delle lezioni che gli si porgevano (*that were given him*), ma rifletteva su tutto quel che vedesse o udisse.

Colombo intese dire<sup>2)</sup> dai maestri suoi, o lesse in qualche libro che la terra è rotonda. Dunque riflettè, come è abitata quassù, così deve essere abitata anche dall'altra parte. Udì che la bussola è un ago, il quale si volge costantemente verso settentrione. Dunque, riflettè, per quanto io mi allarghi (*however far I may go*) in mare, avrò sempre il modo (*the means*) di conoscere dove io mi debba dirigere. Potrò dunque avventurarmi a viaggi lontanissimi, ed essendo la terra<sup>3)</sup> rotonda potrò farne il giro (*I may sail round about it*). Un

1) Applied himself eagerly. 2) learned. 3) as the earth is.

\*) The Italian Infinitive is very often employed as a substantive, not unlike the English Present Participle.

suo parente gli mostrò un tronco di pianta gettato sulla spiaggia dalla tempesta e diverso in tutto da quelli dei nostri boschi. Dunque conchiuse: vi sono proprio (*certainly*) altre terre con altre foreste, probabilmente altri uomini.

Da questa considerazione e da altre più fine<sup>1)</sup> restò (*he became*) convinto, che vi fossero altri paesi e si propose d'andarli a cercare (*to set out in search of them*). Ma come effettuare un disegno sì grandioso, egli solo, egli povero? Si vide adunque costretto a chiedere aiuto da altri: ma a chi (*to him who*) cerca, tocca<sup>2)</sup> spesso la mortificazione di un rifiuto.

1) ingenious, sagacious. 2) happens.

### Diálogo.

Chi era Cristoforo Colombo?

Erano ricchi i suoi genitori?

Quando nacque Colombo?

Che intese dire Colombo?

Quale fu la conseguenza ch'egli ne trasse?

Che cosa è la bússola?

In che maniera fu in lui destata l'idea dell'esistenza d'un altro continente al di là dell'Océano Atlantico?

Che ne conchiuse Colombo?

E che cosa si propose poi?

Aveva egli i mezzi per mandare ad effetto (*to realize*) le sue idee?

## Fourth Lesson.

### The use of *di*, *a* and *da*. (Segnacasi.)

The general rules on the use of these particles have been already given in the first Part. We now add some particular observations on these prepositions.

#### I. *Di* is used:

1. After a great many substantives implying *number*, *weight*, *measure*, *quantity* or a *defect*, as:

*Una quantità di noci*, a number of walnuts.

*Un paio di scarpe*, a pair of shoes.

*Una libbra di burro*, a pound of butter.

*La mancanza di danaro*, the want of money.

*Una pezza di telo*, a (whole) piece of linen.

*Un pezzo di formaggio*, a piece of cheese.

*Note.* These words, when used in a *determinative* sense, i. e. when followed by some *explanatory* addition, require the article as in English. Ex.:

*Un chilogramma del butirro che mi avete mandato.*

A kilogram of *the* butter you have sent me.

2. When an English *adjective* is expressed by an Italian substantive, as:

*Un orologio d'oro, d'argento*, a gold, a silver watch.

*I giornali d'oggi, d'ieri*, to-day's, yesterday's newspapers.

*L'ambasciatore di Russia, — di Francia.*

The Russian, — French ambassador.

3. After substantives that are followed by *proper names* of towns, countries, rivers, lakes, mountains, etc.

*La provincia di Milano*, the province of Milan.

*L'isola di Sicilia*, the island of Sicily.

*La città di Vienna*, the city of Vienna.

*Il lago di Garda*, the lake of Garda.

*Il gran ducato di Baden*, the Grand-Duchy of Baden.

*Except* the compounds with *il monte*, as: *il Monte Rosa*, Mount Rosa etc.

4. After words denoting *dignity, title, rank*, etc., where in English the indefinite article is frequently employed, as:

*Il titolo di barone*, the title of Baron.

*Il grado di luogotenente*, the rank of lieutenant.

*Il posto di consigliere*, the position of counsellor.

*NB.* Sometimes *di* is used to denote a *characteristic* mark, as:

*Quel signor dottore delle cause perse.* (*M.*)

That lawyer famous for his lost lawsuits (lit. That Mr. Doctor of the lost l.). — Commonly *da* is used in such a case (see this prep. 5, pg. 234).

5. *Compound substantives* are generally rendered by *two nouns*. The *last* component of the compound substantive *precedes*, and the first follows with *di*. Thus: the *school-master* is translated: *il maestro di scuola* (liter.: the master of school); *male di testa*, head-ache; *male (dolore) di denti*, tooth-ache.

When, however, the *second* component is not to be taken in a *general* but in a *determinative* sense, as in the word *town-gate*, i. e. the gate of the town just spoken of, the preposition should be followed by the

article with which it is, of course, contracted. Thus: *la porta della città*, the town-gate; *la casa degli órfani* (*l'orfanotrófo*) the orphan asylum = the house of the orphans; *il vino del Reno*, Rhenish wine = the wine of the Rhine. The pupil should mark the difference between: *gli affari del commercio*, the affairs of the commerce (of a country etc.), and: *gli affari di commercio*, commercial affairs\*).

6. When a *Numeral* with or without a substantive is followed by one of the adverbs *più*, and *meno*:

*Dátemi due ducati di più*, give me two more ducats.

*V'erano tre zecchini di meno*.

There were three sequins wanting.

7. Moreover, *di* is used after a great many *adjectives* that require their complement in the Genitive case, where in English we employ either one of the prepositions *of*, *for*, *to*, *on*, *with*, etc. or no preposition at all. The most important of these adjectives are:

<i>Abbondante</i> , rich, abundant.	<i>incerto</i> , not sure.
<i>ammalato</i> , ill.	<i>indegno</i> , unworthy.
<i>ávido</i> , eager; greedy.	<i>largo</i> , munificent.
<i>bramoso</i> , desirous.	<i>meritévole</i> , worthy.
<i>cárico</i> , loaded.	<i>pago</i> , satisfied.
<i>capace</i> , capable.	<i>persuaso</i> , persuaded.
<i>certo</i> , sure.	<i>pieno</i> , full.
<i>consapévole</i> , conscious, acquainted.	<i>póvero</i> , poor.
<i>contento</i> , contented.	<i>prático</i> , experienced.
<i>curante</i> , caring for . . .	<i>privo</i> , deprived.
<i>cúpido</i> , greedy, eager.	<i>ricco</i> , rich.
<i>degno</i> , worthy.	<i>scarso</i> , poor, scarce.
<i>desideroso</i> , desirous.	<i>soddisfatto</i> , satisfied.
<i>fecondo</i> , fertile.	<i>sollécito</i> , zealous.
<i>fornito</i> , provided with.	<i>vago</i> , eager.
<i>incapace</i> , incapable.	<i>vestito</i> , dressed.
	<i>vuoto</i> , empty.

8. For the verbs requiring *di* see II. Part Less. 17, C.

9. Sometimes *di* stands pleonastically:

Before *adjectives* (as in French):

*Di belle ciarle faranno questi mascalzoni.* (M.)

These scoundrels will make a nice uproar.

\*) There are also real compounds like *ferrovia*, railroad; *capolavoro*, master-piece; *banconote*, bank-notes (paper-money); *cartapécora*, parchment.



10. *Di* with the article is used to denote places where provisions are *sold* or *preserved*, where compound or simple substantives are used in English, as:

*Mercato del pesce*, fish-market.

*Dispensa dei commestibili*, buttery, provision-room.

11. In many expressions *di* is used, where in English we employ either no prepositions, or *of*, *to*, *for*, etc.

*Di notte*, at night. *Di nascosto*, secretly.

*Di buon mattino*, early in the morning.

*Di leggieri*, without reflection.

*Di sera*, in the evening.

*Vestito di nero, di verde*, dressed in black, green.

*D'inverno*, in the winter. *Di certo*, surely.

*Essere d'uopo*, to be necessary.

*Dico di sì, di no*, I say, yes! I say, no!

## II. *Da* is used:

1. After the *passive voice*:

*Venne ucciso dal suo nemico.*

He was killed *by* his enemy.

2. After verbs denoting *motion* (*andare*, *venire*\*) or a *dwelling* near a person (*restare*, *essere*, *stare*, *rimanere*), as:

*Venite da me\*\**), come to me!

*Vado dal calzolaio*, I am going to the shoemaker's.

*Abiterò da mio nonno*, I shall live at my grandfather's.

3. After a considerable number of verbs given in II. P. Less. 17, *B*.

4. After a great many *adjectives*, of which we enumerate the most important ones:

*Alieno*, far, contrary.

*assente*, absent.

*bandito*, banished.

*differente*, different.

*discosto*, }

*distante*, } distant.

*diverso*, divers, various.

*esente*, exempt.

*esule*, banished.

*immune*, free (from taxes etc.).

*indipendente*, independent.

*libero*, free.

\*) Yet verbs denoting *departure*, as: *partire*, *uscire*, *scendere*, etc. sometimes prefer *di*.

\*\*) It should be observed that the *Subject* of the sentence cannot be the *same* person that *follows* with *da*, because in this case the sense would be different. Thus: *vado da me*, does not mean: *I go home* (French: *je vais chez moi*), but: *I am going alone*.

<i>lontano</i> , far.	<i>rimoto</i> , remote.
<i>pellegrino</i> (pilgrim), coming from . . .	<i>scevro</i> , free from.
<i>puro</i> , pure.	<i>sgombro</i> , unhindered.
	<i>sicuro</i> , sure.

5. To denote some *purpose*, a *characteristic mark*, *use* etc., after *substantives* as well as after *adjectives*, as:

*Buono da mangiare*, good to eat.

*Tabacco da naso*, snuff (i. e. tobacco for the nose).

*Una bottiglia da vino*, a wine-bottle (destined for wine).

*Un uomo dabbene* \*), an honest man (i. e. apt for good).

*Il catino da lavare*, the washing-tub \*\*).

*Sala da pranzo*, dining-room. *Camera da letto*, bedroom.

*Federico dalla guancia morsa*.

Frederick with the bitten cheek.

*Datemi da bere*, give me to drink!

*L'uomo dal tabarro nero*, the man with the black cloak.

*La casa dal tetto rosso*, the house with the red roof.

6. The English word *fit for*, *as*, *like*, etc., are frequently expressed by *da*, as:

*Questa è una vita da cani*, that is a life for dogs.

7. Before the name of the birth-place of a well-known person, as *Guido da Siena*. (*Da* is also admissible.)

8. As the preposition *da* never indicates a *material* of which something is made, the learner should be careful not to use it in such a case instead of *di*, thus:

*Una fornace da mattoni*, means: a brick-kiln, whereas

*Una fornace di mattoni*, means: an oven built of brick.

The learner is requested to compare the following examples:

*Un bicchiere d'acqua*, a glass of water.

*Un bicchiere da acqua*, a water-glass.

*Una bottiglia di vino*, a bottle of wine.

*Una bottiglia da vino*, a wine-bottle.

9. If we merely want to state the purpose for which a thing is fit and to which it is regularly applied, the preposition *da* is required. But if we wish to imply

\*) In contractions the *first* consonant of the second component is frequently doubled, thus *siccome* = sì come; *dabbene* = da bene; *seddene* = se bene; *dappima* = da prima etc.

\*\*) English compounds with the *present participle* and *substantives* are likewise often rendered with *di* or *da*, as: the dancing-master, *il maestro di ballo*; *il catino da lavare*, the washing-tub.

that some substance for which that thing is destined, is already *contained* in it, *di* with the *article* should be employed. *Di* without the article is used, when the *material* is named, whereof the object is *made*, or with which it is entirely *filled*, Thus:

*Un magazzino da fieno*, means: a magazine destined for hay (still empty).

*Il magazzino del fieno*, means: the hay-magazine (in general or in particular).

*Un magazzino di fieno*, means: a magazine filled with hay.

*Una bilancia da oro*, a balance destined for gold.

*La bilancia dell'oro*, the gold balance (or my, your, his etc. balance).

*Una bilancia d'oro*, a golden balance.

10. *Da* with the definite article is often employed to denote people who have something for sale, as:

*La donna del latte*, the milk-woman\*).

*L'uomo dalle ciriege*, the cherry-man (who sells cherries).

11. Frequently *da* is used in order to denote the house, shop, etc., where in English we employ the Saxon Genitive, as: *at the merchant's*, *at my brother's*, *at the greengrocer's*, etc. Examples: *Io era dal calzolaio* (at the shoemaker's), *vengo da mio fratello* (from my brother's), *voi venite da casa mia*, you come from my house (see 2, p. 228).

**Da** is used *without the article*:

1. In prepositional phrases that have an adverbial force as:

*Da banda*, aside.

*Da destra*, from the right hand.

*Da solo a solo*, in private conference.

*Da senno*, in earnest; *da scherzo*, in fun.

*Egli ti farà da padre.* (M.)

He will treat you like a father (= as if he were your father).

2. To indicate an *approximative* number, as:

*Uscirono da dodici soldati*, about 12 soldiers went forth.

*Da trenta persone*, about thirty persons.

**NB.** It must be well understood that in this case the number cannot be *inferior* to the quantity indicated.

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\*) *La donna del latte* is likewise met with.

3. To express a *manner* of acting or being, as:

*Vive da signore*, he lives in the utmost comfort (like a mighty Lord).

*Ha agito da pazzo*, he has acted like a fool.

*Cose da potersi decifrare.* (M.)

Things to be explained (*lit.* to be able, to be expl.).

*Da povero figliuolo.* (M.)

As a poor lad that I am.

*Italianisms* with *da* are: *da per me*, for me alone; *da per te*, for you (thee) alone; *da per sè*, by itself etc.

*Note.* Such phrases with *da* must often be rendered by accessory sentences, f. ex.:

*Non era partito da metter neppure in consulta.* (M.)  
This was an expedient not even to be spoken of.

*Un viso da far morire in bocca una preghiera.* (M.)  
A face apt to make every petition die on the lip.

*Son uomo da andare in persona a far una visita.*  
I am capable to pay a visit myself (*lit.*: I am a man to go in person to pay a visit).

III. *A* is used:

## 1. Without the article in a great many expressions like:

*Condannare a morte*, to condemn to death.

*Sonare a prima vista (a vista)*, to play at first sight.

*Comperare a caro prezzo*, to buy at a high rate.

*Stilla a stilla*, by drops.

*Giuocare a scacchi*, to play at chess.

*Andare a piedi*, (to go on foot) to walk.

2. To express many compound substantives or nouns with adjectives, where the adjective implies a *particular quality* of the thing, as:

*Un abito a liste*, a striped coat.

*Una pittura a olio*, an oil-painting.

*Una macchina a vapore*, a steam-engine.

*Una barca a vela*, a sailing-boat.

*Una vettura a due ruote*, a carriage with two wheels.

3. To mark the *time*, as:

*A mezzo giorno*, at noon; *alle sei*, at 6 o'clock.

*A Pasqua*, at Easter; *a tempo*, at the right time.

4. To indicate the *nation* or *manner*, as:

*Alla polacca* \*), in the Polish way.

*All'inglese*, after the English fashion.

5. In a great many Italianisms, as:

*Imparare a memoria*, to learn by heart.

*Tenere a vile*, to disregard, slight.

*Cucire a macchina*, to sew by machine.

*Andare a cavallo*, to ride, to go on horseback.

*Comperare a contanti*, to buy cash in hand.

*A bocca aperta*, with open mouth.

*Andare a spasso*, to take a walk.

*Gridare a squarciagola*, to yell.

## Fifth Lesson.

Traduzioni<sup>n</sup> on **di, a** and **da**.

78.

A glass of clear (*limpida*) water is better (*vale più*) than a bottle of bad wine. Send me a kilogram of the coffee which you praise so much. An ingenious man is esteemed everywhere. Have you a gold or a silver watch? I have taken yesterday's newspapers to the French ambassador. The city of Monza near Milan possesses the famous iron crown. The Lago Maggiore is much finer than the Lake of Garda. The minister got the title of count for his great merits. To whom shall the post of secretary be given? The republic of San Marino has existed (*transl.* exists) more than 1000 years. Do you know for certain that the lady dressed in black is English? Are you contented with your position? The gates of the fortress are shut at 10 o'clock in the evening. He gave me one shilling more. He gave me a dollar less. Do you know anything new? Your behaviour shows little respect. You have more water than wine in your glass. Why do you always come in the night? Cannot you come during the (*di*) day? The railway of the [St.] Gothard favours the commercial relations between Italy and Germany. I met a school-mate yesterday who is on the point of beginning a journey to Italy and Greece. He is rich in money, but not in knowledge. The ship was loaded with goods (*merci*).

79.

The horse-dealer has been in Berlin and has bought several saddle-horses and draught-horses. I have put the knitt-

\*) I. e. *moda*, mode.

ing worsted in the linen-press, and the letter-paper in my portfolio. Many popes are (*discendere*) of [an] obscure origin. A pious peaceable, dutiful man is the ideal of christian perfection. How did you spend the evening? We played at chess, and the ladies embroidered and talked together. The dairywoman comes to us at 6 o'clock in the morning. I should not object to the proposed enterprise, if I could actually dispose of the necessary funds. In divers commercial articles machine-work is less valued than hand-work. Many wares are duty-free. The church is near the townhall. Does your sister play the piano? No, but she knows how to repair, to stitch and to sew with the machine. I must speak to her in private. He is accustomed to sleep (take a nap) after dinner. One often sees the prince taking a drive in a coach and four (*transl.* in a four-horsed carriage). This coat is made after the English fashion. Don Quixote ordered his shield-bearer Sancho Pansa to address (*parlare*) him (*Dat.*) in the Turkish way, with [his] (the) head bent forward (*chino*) and [his] (the) cap in [his] hand.

### Reading Exercise. 80.

#### Continuazione di Cristoforo Colombo.

Prima Colombo esibì<sup>1)</sup> l'opera sua a Génova, poi a Venezia, poi ai Portoghesi, agl'Inglesi, agli Spagnuoli; esibiva loro niente meno che un nuovo mondo, e non ne riceveva in ricambio che ripulse e beffe, dicendosi (*as they said*) ch'egli era un pazzo<sup>2)</sup>. Perchè troppi sono quelli i quali deridono ogni cosa nuova, e credono che non sia buono nè vero se non<sup>3)</sup> quello che sapevano e facevano i nostri padri.

Il povero Colombo pertanto (*meanwhile*) si vedeva trascurato<sup>4)</sup> e schernito<sup>5)</sup>; eppure (*yet*) non si perdeva di coraggio e serbava la perseveranza, la quale è il vero carattere degli uomini grandi. In fatti prega e riprega, finalmente una donna gli diede ascolto<sup>6)</sup>, Isabella, regina di Spagna.

Essa affidò a Colombo tre vascelli, coi quali e con soli 90 uomini il 3 d'Agosto del 1492, egli salpò<sup>7)</sup> in cerca<sup>8)</sup> di terre che (*whereof*) nessuno sapeva dove fossero, quali fossero, ma che egli era persuaso di trovare.

Partono: vanno in alto mare: perdono di vista la terra: più non distinguono che cielo ed acqua. Passano giorni, passano settimane, ma la terra aspettata non compare.

Sull'immensità di quelle onde succedonsi le calme e le tempeste, i venti prosperi ed i contrari; s'avanzano di continuo, ma il lido aspettato non compare.

1) Exhibited. 2) a fool. 3) but. 4) neglected. 5) despised. 6) lent him an ear. 7) he set out. 8) in search of . . .

Colombo sempre fisso alla bússola, sempre attento ai venti, sempre guardando il cielo, sperava la terra, desiderava la terra, e la terra non compariva<sup>1)</sup>. Ma pure in lui non scemava<sup>2)</sup> quella ferma persuasione che rende capace d'opere grandi e la fiducia in Dio.

1) *comparire*, to appear. 2) *scemare*, to diminish.

### Diálogo.

A chi esibì prima Colombo la sua opera?

Con qual esito?

Perchè riceveva ripulse da ogni parte?

E non si perdeva di coraggio, vendendosi trascurato e schernito?

Chi gli diede ascolto infine?

Che fece essa per lui?

In che giorno partì Colombo?

In che direzione navigava Colombo?

Che gli avvenne (*what did he meet with*) in quel viaggio per iscoprir un nuovo mondo?

Si fermarono i navigatori nella loro corsa?

Quale era l'occupazione di Colombo durante tutto quel tempo?

Non scemava (*to grow less*) in lui la ferma persuasione della giustezza delle sue idee?

## Sixth Lesson.

### Some special remarks on the use of Proper names.

§ 1. Proper names of persons and towns generally require no article, as: *Antonio, Londra*, etc.

Except the Proper names enumerated 3rd Lesson 5, 6, and 7, p. 223.

§ 2. Yet the *definite* and in a *general sense* the *indefinite* article is used:

1. When the proper name is figuratively employed as a *common substantive*, as: *egli è il Cicerone del suo secolo*, he is the Cicero (i. e. the greatest orator) of his century; *è un Ercole*, he is a Hercules (i. e. a very strong man).

2. When an *adjective* precedes the Proper name, as:

*Il magnánimo Alfonso*, the magnanimous A.

*Il célèbre Paganini*, the celebrated P.

3. With the names of some Christian holidays, as:

*L'Ascensione*, Ascension-day; *l'Epifania*, Epiphany; *il Natale*, Christmas; *la Pasqua*, Easter; *il Corpus-Domini*, Corpus Christi-day, etc.

4. Before the Proper names of *families* the article is used, as: *i Tarquinii gli Scipioni*.

*Note.* It may be observed at once, that when the Proper names of families have no Italian termination, the Plural is marked by the article only, as: *gli Schiller sono rari*, Schillers (i. e. poets like Sch.) are rare, etc.

5. Before the names of *countries, provinces, mountains, and rivers* the article is likewise required (see Less. III. 3), as: *l'Europa*, *l'Austria*, *la Moravia*, *il Tirolo*, *i Pirenei*, *il Reno* (Rhine), *il Tamigi* (Thames), etc.

§ 3. But *di* without the article is used before such names:

1. In mentioning *sovereigns, courts, ambassadors, and titles* in general (see Less. III. 3), as:

*La regina d'Inghilterra*, the queen of England.

*L'imperatore di Germania*, the emperor of Germany.

*Un maresciallo d'Austria*, a marshall of Austria.

*Note.* With the names of some countries, however, that are not European, the article is generally used. Thus one says: *l'imperatore del Brasile, della Cina*. (Except the Proper names *Persia, Siria, Egitto* [Egypt], and *India*.)

2. If the proper name of a country is used instead of an adjective see (Less. III. 3), as:

*Il vino di Spagna*, Spanish wine.

*La seta d'Italia*, Italian silk.

*L'inchiostro di China*, Indian ink.

3. After the words *empire, city, village, island, month, and the like*, where in English the preposition *of* is used, as:

*Il regno di Sassonia*, the kingdom of Saxony.

*Il mese di Maggio*, the month of May.

4. After *substantives* and sometimes also after *verbs* that denote *coming or going*, as: *il ritorno*, the return; *venire*, to come; *arrivare*, to arrive, where in English *from* is used, as:

*Al mio ritorno di Francia*, on my return from France.

*Vengo di* (better *dalla*) *Spagna*, I come from Spain.



*Note.* Yet if such Proper names of countries etc. are generally used with the article, as: *il Tirolo*, the Tyrol; *il Belgio*, Belgium; *il Canadà*, Canada; *i Paesi Bassi*, the Netherlands; *la China*, etc., the article must generally be employed after the above words, as: *vengo dal* (not *di*) *Canadà*, I come from C.; *io sono ritornato dai Paesi Bassi*, etc.

5. Occasionally the *sense is altered* by the use or the omission of the article. Thus: *l'armata della Spagna*, means: the Spanish army (i. e. *Spaniards*) whilst *l'armata di Spagna*, means: a foreign army sent to Spain.

6. The questions where? or where to? before the Proper names of countries, are answered by the preposition *in* as: *in Egitto*, in Egypt; *vado in Isvezia* I am going to Sweden. Before the names of towns, however, *a* is used instead of *in*. Thus we say: *sono a Vienna*, I am in Vienna; *vado a Vienna*, I am going to Vienna\*). With Proper names that require the article, *nel* (*nella*) answers the question where? Ex.: *egli è nel Belgio*, he is in Belgium. If motion is to be expressed, we should employ *al* (*alla*), as: *egli andrà al Canadà*, he will go to Canada.

*Note.* The verbs *partire*, *imbarcarsi* (to embark), *continuare* and *proseguire*, to continue a journey, require *per*, as: *parto per Parigi*, *per l'America*. *M'imbarco per le Indie*.

#### Traduzione. 81.

Napoleon was banished to the Isle of Elba; but he returned to France and took possession (*impadronirsi*) of the city of Paris. Schiller and Goethe are the Sophocles of Germany. Who does not know the combat of the Horatii and Curiatii? The caravan came from Cairo (*il Cairo*) and passed (*recarsi*) by (*per*) Suez to Mecca (*la Mecca*). The queen of England was at war with the emperor of Russia. Charles of Austria was master of the kingdoms of Spain, of both the (*le due*) Sicilies, the Netherlands, and the New World. Italians know Tasso's verses by heart. St. Hubert (*Uberto*) is the patron of (the) sportsmen. English manufactures (*le manifatture*) are more valued than those that come from France. This orator is the Demosthenes of our age. This portrait resembles (to) the famous Raphael. Fenelon's *Telemachus* (*Telémaco*) is an excellent reading book. The English army distinguished (*Pass. rem.*) itself in [the] Crimea. Have

\*) We may also say *in Vienna*, but then it means in the town itself.

you seen the Spanish army? Both Corneilles were born at Rouen. (The) French wine, (the) Dutch linen, (the) Spanish wool, (the) Swedish iron, and (the) English steel are very celebrated. The emperor of Brazil has married a princess of Leuchtenberg. Easter is past. Ascension-day is drawing near (from *avvicinarsi*). There are not many Napoleons to be found in history. Spain is proud to have given birth to (*dare la vita*) the two Seneca(s).

### Reading Exercise. 82.

#### Continuazione di Cristoforo Colombo.

Però i compagni di Colombo cominciarono a mormorare a bassa voce, poi ad alta; ed unitisi (*after having united themselves*) dissero al loro capo che la sua era veramente pazzia (*that his idea was mere nonsense*); che gli aveva condotti in mezzo al mare<sup>1)</sup> soltanto per farli morire<sup>2)</sup> lontani dalla patria, che n'avevano abbastanza (*that they had more than enough*), e che volevano tornar indietro (*return*).

Ecco dunque Colombo, dopo che tanto ha fatto, studiato, pensato, penato; éccolo, mentre s'èntesi (*he feels himself = he is sure to be*) vicino ad afferrare questa nuova terra, éccolo ridotto a pèrdere il frutto delle sue fatiche, e a dover ritornare in Europa, dove sarà deriso de' suoi sogni e dell'impresa fallita. Con qual passione passava da un vascello all'altro, pregando, persuadendo, minacciando! A chi promettea premi, a chi intimava castighi; a tutti dipingeva questa terra novella, e la gloria che si assicurerebbero coll'esserne gli (*by being their*) scopritori, e il merito d'aver guadagnato tanti popoli alla vera religione. Così riusciva a calmarli alquanto; e tornava ad osservare le stelle, la bússola, i venti; ma la terra non compariva, e nuove grida sediziose s'inalzavano, e l'eroe italiano doveva rimettersi (*to begin once more*) a sedarle.

Talvolta arrampicávasi<sup>3)</sup> egli stesso fin in vetta<sup>4)</sup> all'álbero maestro (*the main-mast*), se mai (*if not*) vedesse qualche cosa di lontano (*from afar*); guardava e riguardava, ma tutto era acqua ed aria: la terra non compariva. Una volta credette scoprirla, la mostrò ai marinai che andarono fuor di sè (*were beside themselves*) per l'allegrezza: ma ohimè! non era che una nube, e il sole la dissipò, e terra non compariva.

1) *In mezzo al mare*, to the middle of the sea, i. e. to the remotest part. 2) to have them die, i. e. that they should die. 3) he climbed. 4) up to the top.

#### Diálogo.

Che fecero i compagni di Colombo?

Che dissero al loro capo?

Che cosa volevano fare?  
 Si sottomise Colombo alla loro volontà?  
 Quali erano le rimostranze che faceva loro?  
 E che disse loro oltre a ciò?  
 Gli ubbidivano?  
 Che fece egli allora?  
 Non compariva ancora la terra desiderata?  
 Non ebbe mai la gioia illusoria di vedere il lido della  
 terra sconosciuta?  
 Che cosa era invece?

## Seventh Lesson.

### Possessive Adjectives and Pronouns.

(See I. P. Less. 14.)

The most important observations on the possessive adjective have been given in the first part of this grammar. We now subjoin some special remarks.

The Italian possessive adjective is *not used instead of the article*, and therefore has *no influence on its use or omission*. Thus it follows:

1. That the possessive adjective takes the *definite* and the *indefinite article*, and that it may be preceded by any other determinative adjective. In the latter case it must be periphrased, as:

*Il mio cappello*, my hat.

*Un mio cappello*, a hat of mine\*).

*Ogni mio cappello*, every hat of mine.

*Quel mio cappello*, that hat of mine.

*Tre miei cappelli*, three hats of mine.

2. That it is sometimes *absolute*, sometimes *conjunctive* and that in such a case the article is superfluous, as:

*Se fosse mio*, if he (it etc.) were mine.

*Si chiamò suo tutore*, he called himself his (her) ward.

3. That the article is *omitted*, if the substantive is governed by a preposition, as:

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\*) The learner will see by the above examples that such English phrases should always be rendered by possessive adjectives in the *nominative* or *accusative case*. Thus: he is a pupil of mine, is translated either: *è un mio scolare*, or: *è uno scolare mio*.

*A mio piacere*, as I please (lit. at my pleasure).

*Per tua colpa*, through your fault.

*A (in) suo favore*, in his (her) favour.

*Con nostro rincrescimento*, to my regret.

*Da parte vostra*, for your part, etc.

4. That the article is likewise omitted, when the noun, preceded by the possess. adj., is used as an *aposition*, as :

*Vidi Cecilia, sua amica (M.)*, I saw her friend Cecilia.

5. Names of relations with any termination *modifying the meaning* of nouns always require the article, as :

*La sua sorellina è molto amabile.*

His little sister is very amiable.

*Il suo fratellastro è partito.*

His step-brother has departed.

6. In English, if several substantives immediately following one another are preceded by a possessive adjective, this adjective is not repeated before each substantive; in Italian it is, and takes its respective article before it. Thus we cannot say, as in English: *i miei fratelli e sorelle*, my brothers and sisters; but: *i miei fratelli e le mie sorelle*.

7. The *dative* of the personal pronouns is frequently used instead of the possessive adjectives. Thus:

*Egli si levò il cappello*, he took his hat off.

*Le baciai la mano*, I kissed her hand.

*Le sono fratello.*

I am (like) her brother. (*Liter.* a br. to her.)

In a similar manner, the simple *dative* of the pers. pron. is used, where in English a preposition with the pronoun is used, as:

*Prendevano piacere a toccargli quel tasto. (M.)*

They delighted in harping on this string with him.

8. In *exclamatory* sentences the adjective may occasionally *precede* the possessive pronoun, as:

*Povero mio padrone!* My poor master!

9. In expressions such as: *my head aches\**), etc. the possessive adjective is not rendered in Italian pro-

\*) See p. 101, Rem. 2.

vided no misunderstanding arise by the omission. Thus:

My head aches!

*Mi duole il capo (ho male di testa).*

*Vedo che la mia mano è gonfia.*

I see that my hand is swelling.

10. The possessive adjectives *its*, *their*, referring to a foregoing substantive, may be translated by *ne*, though *suo*, *sua* is also met with. Ex.:

*Che pianta è questa? What plant is that?*

*Non ne conosco il nome. Non conosco il suo nome.*

I don't know its name.

When, however, the word to which *its* or *their* refers, occurs in the same sentence, *ne* is by no means admissible:

These trees are remarkable for their height.

*Questi alberi sono notevoli per la loro altezza.*

11. Sometimes in Italian we employ the possess. adj. *la mia*, *la tua*, *la sua* etc. and *il mio*, *il tuo*, *il suo* etc., where the words *opinione*, *ragione*, *idea*, *volontà* etc. and *avere*, *denaro* etc. are understood:

*Vi dirò la mia* (i. e. *opinione*), I shall tell you my opinion.

*Ha mangiato tutto il suo* (i. e. *avere*), he has eaten all his fortune.

12. Very seldom *suo* etc. is found in lieu of *loro*, as:

*Maledetti, non sanno i dover suoi* (Goldoni, «La sposa saggia», A. II. Sc. 7).

Confound them! They do not know their duties.

*Observations.* 1. The word *own* is more frequently used in English, as: *my own*, *your own*, *his own*, than *proprio* in Italian, after the possessive adjectives. It is therefore not necessary to translate this word whenever found in English. Thus in the sentence: *egli vende l'anello di sua sorella ed il suo*, he sells the ring of his sister and his *own*, the addition of *proprio* would be not only superfluous but cumbersome.

2. *One's*, when referring to the foregoing nominative *one*, is generally rendered by *il suo*, *la sua* etc., as: *one must do one's duty*, *bisogna fare il suo dovere*. In sentences, however, where the meaning might otherwise become ambiguous, the whole sentence should be periphrased. Thus: *one loves one's children*, can by no means be translated: *si ama i suoi figli*

(see p. 117), but either: *noi amiamo i nostri figli*, or: *ogni uomo ama i suoi figli*, etc.\*)

3. *Gli* is very seldom used instead of *loro*, when this latter is used with *ne*, as:

*Nessun uomo di giudizio gliene avrebbe dato il parere. (M.)*

No reasonable man would have given them (i. e. to the two women) this advice.

(The correct construction would be: *ne avrebbe dato loro*.)

#### Traduzione. 83.

My brother has sold his garden and mine; he has also sold my uncle's house and his own. (The) time flies; its loss is irreparable. He has sacrificed his sister's wealth and his own. Our poor brother has lost all his fortune. A ball was given in his honour. I saw it with my own eyes. Yesterday I got your letter and that of your father. In (*fra*) a few days you will get my answer and that of my father. The sojourn in the country (*campagna*) has its pleasures (*delizie*). This city excites surprise by (*con*) the magnificence of its buildings? Look at these boots! What do you think (*dici*) of their shape? What a beautiful river! How charming are its banks! I have only been living eight days in this town. I do not know all its streets. I do not like gooseberries; their taste is too acid (*acre*). If this carriage were mine, I would have it (*la farei*) fresh painted (*Infìn*). That pupil of yours has broken the window. For my part I have nothing to say. Your sister could not come. We speak of our children and of yours. Charles is a friend of mine; I hope he will also be yours. I shall do it for your sake (*per amor vostro*). Do as you please (= at your pleasure). Who are those young ladies? They are pupils of mine. I regret exceedingly that I cannot keep my promise. The poor woman has thrown herself at my feet. Within a few days I shall have the pleasure of seeing my parents again. The newspapers comment on the severe measures taken by the government; all [of them] wish to tell their opinions; I for my part am convinced that they are most reasonable.

#### Reading Exercise. 84.

Continuazione di Cristoforo Colombo.

Ormai da due mesi stavano in<sup>1)</sup> mare; erano corsi due mila miglia dopo aver toccate<sup>2)</sup> le ultime isole conosciute, nè

1) They were in . . . 2) *toccare*, to touch, here: to go ashore.

\*) With *bisognare*, however, the *possessive* pronoun is used, as: *Bisogna fare il suo dovere*.

One ought to do one's duty.

vedévasi novità: tutti si perdevano di<sup>3)</sup> coraggio e di speranza, tutti, eccetto Colombo. Alla fine i compagni suoi protestarono risolutamente di non voler<sup>4)</sup> più oltre (*farther*) avanzarsi: onde egli per disperazione (*despairing*) dovette promettere che, se fra tre giorni non vedessero terra, volterebbero<sup>5)</sup> verso la patria. Passa il primo dì, e la terra non compare; vien a sera il secondo (*the evening of the second approaches*), e non compare ancora. Eppure Colombo confidava scoprirla, perchè non lasciava passare cosa (*anything*) inosservata. Erasi accorto che il vento non tirava più così dritto ed eguale, segno<sup>6)</sup> che qualche cosa ne interrompeva il corso. Vide galleggiar alcune fronde d'alberi non mai veduti: osservò egli<sup>7)</sup> uccelli, e persuaso che si dirigessero ai loro nidi, ne seguì il volo. Così la terra non era apparsa ancora, ma Cristoforo già se ne teneva sicuro<sup>7)</sup>, e disse ai marinai: stanotte<sup>8)</sup> vegliate tutti, che (*and then*) all'alba discernerete la spiaggia desiderata.

I marinai lo deridevano e gli intimavano che domani voltasse<sup>9)</sup> verso la Spagna o lo getterebbero a pesci. Ma al primo chiarore dell'alba, ecco in fatti qualche cosa di fosco<sup>10)</sup> all'orizzonte; tutti gridano: *terra, terra!* Tutti si prostrano ai piedi di Colombo quasi adorandolo: ma esso, umile in mezzo a tanta gloria, li invita a prostrarsi davanti al Signore, il quale solo dà lume e coraggio per le grandi imprese.

3) *cader di coraggio*, to lose heart. 4) *di non volere*, that they would not. 5) *voltare*, to return, to sail back. 6) *segno*, a proof. 7) *tenersi sicuro di qcs.*, to feel sure of something. 8) *sta*, for *questa*. 9) *voltasse*, he should return. 10) dark.

### Díálogo.

Da quanto tempo erano in mare Colombo ed i suoi compagni?

Quante miglia avevano percorso?

Non avevano perduto la speranza?

E volevano andare ancora più avanti?

Che dovette promettere loro Colombo?

E confidava sempre ancora di scoprire la terra?

Di che cosa si era egli accorto in questo tempo?

Che ne conchiuse?

Non vide niente di particolare?

Perchè seguì egli il volo degli uccelli?

Che cosa dissero allora i marinai?

E si vide qualche cosa sul far del giorno (*at daybreak*)?

Che fecero allora i marinai?

Come si mostrò Colombo in quel momento solenne?

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\*) Even in affirmative sentences the personal pronoun occasionally follows its verb for the sake of euphony or in order to render the expression more elegant.

## Eighth Lesson.

### Adjectives and Numerals.

(See I. P. Less. 18.)

#### A. Negation after the Comparative.

1. The verb preceded by a comparative is generally accompanied by *non*, as:

He is *richer* than you think.

*È più ricco che non credete.*

*NB.* Yet *non* may be omitted, if no stress is laid on the negation, as:

*È più ricco che credi* (better *di quel che credi* or *di quanto credi*).

If a negation or an interrogation precedes, *non* is not admissible in the second part of the sentence, as:

*Non è più ricco di quel che credi.*

He is not richer than you think.

*E siamo noi più contenti di lei?*

Are we more content than she is? (That is to say: *we are not*.)

2. In *two* expressions contracted into *one*, i. e. where *two nominatives* are found with the *same* verb, the *second* nominative is sometimes preceded by *non*, as:

*Un paese dove le donne lavorano più che non gli uomini.*

A country where the women work more than the men.

*NB.* Here, too, *non* is not necessary at all.

#### B. Che or di before pronouns.

We said, Less. 19, I. P., that before pronouns *than* is rendered by *di*. Since, however, the accusative of the pronoun preceded by *di* might sometimes cause a misconception, as in the sentence: *egli mi ama più di te*, where it seems doubtful whether the meaning is: he loves me more *than thee* or *than thou*, we ought to say either:

*Egli ama più me che te.*

He loves me more than thee;

or: *Egli mi ama più che tu (non m'ami).*

He loves me more than thou (dost love me).



### C. Omission of the Article after the Superlative.

Italians regard the Superlative otherwise than the English, i. e. they always use the Comparative in its stead. Where we speak e. g. of the «finest flower», Italians understand a «finer» flower than all the others. Therefore they usually omit the article, when the superlative *follows* the noun. Thus:

*L'azione più generosa*, and not *l'azione la più generosa*.  
The most generous action.

**NB.** By the use of the article the expression becomes somewhat obsolete. Modern grammarians condemn it. — When the superlative precedes, the article belongs to the *noun*, but not to the adjective, as:

*La più generosa azione*,  
and then it must be used.

### D. Peculiarities of some Comparatives.

1. Sometimes the Superlative is used *after* nouns with the *indefinite* article, and even without any article at all, as:

*Un suolo fra i più fertili*.  
One of the most fertile soils.

*O terra delle più generose!*  
O thou, one of the most generous countries!

2. Very rarely the *Superl. assol.* is employed (as in Latin) with the value of a *Superl. relat.*, as:

*Erano i Pazzi di tutte l'altre famiglie splendidissima*.  
(Macchiav.)

(Then) the Pazzi were the most illustrious family of all others.

3. Expressions like this: *the finest, greatest, ugliest, etc., thing to be found, to be imagined*, etc. are sometimes rendered by *quel che* or *ciò che* (that which). The verb governed by *che* generally follows in the *Subjunctive* mood, as:

The finest thing to be found.  
*Quel che si possa trovare di più bello*. (Liter.: That which one may find of the finest.)

But we may equally well say:

*La più bella cosa che si possa trovare* or *(che trovarsi possa)*.

4. In the First Part we stated, that *adjectives* as well as *substantives* are liable to have their sense modified by certain terminations. Besides (see I. P. Less. 7), the original idea of the adjective may be augmented by the word *grande* (commonly *gran*), by the prefixes *arci* and *stra* (= *extra*), or by the repetition of the adjective. Examples:

*Bello*, fine.

*bellino*, nice, pretty.

*giovane*, young.

*giovinastro*, a bad young fellow.

*una gran bella cosa*, a most beautiful (wonderful) thing.

*un uomo straricco*, an extremely rich man.

*una lettera arcistúpida*, a very stupid letter.

*canteremo pian piano*, we shall sing quite low.

5. The following adjectives have *no positive*:

*Esteriore*, exterior.

*último*, last.

*ulteriore*, further.

(*postremo*), latest, last.

*posteriore*, later.

*estremo*, extreme.

*interiore*, interior.

*intimo*, inward.

*inferiore*, inferior.

*infimo*, lowest.

*superiore*, superior.

*supremo*, } highest.

(*citeriore*), on this side.

*sommo*, }

*próssimo*, next.

6. *Invariable* are: *fu*, late, dead, deceased (only used in public deeds\*); *pari*, equal; *impari*, unequal; *blù*, blue, and the adv. *già* used as adjectives with the signification *formerly*. Ex.:

*Giovanni, figlio del fu Giuseppe.*

John, the son of the deceased Joseph.

*Via Cavour, già Via larga.*

Via Cavour, formerly Via larga.

*Substantives* are frequently employed like adjectives.

In such a case they must, of course, agree in *gender* and *number* with the noun to which they refer, as:

*Un occhio scrutatore*, a searching eye.

*Rose colte da vérgine mano* (Petr.).

Roses gathered by a virgin hand.

*Mezzo*, half, is in general *invariable* when *following*,

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\*) Otherwise one says: *buon'anima* or *defunto*. Ex.: *mio padre, buon'anima, era nato ad Arezzo* or *il mio defunto padre* etc.

and *variable* when *preceding* the noun (the reverse as in French); thus:

*Una casa mezzo bruciata*, a house half burnt down.

*Due libbre e mezzo* (or *mezza*), two pounds and a half.

But: *Una mezza libbra*, half a pound.

7. When *more* than *two* adjectives are used with a substantive, euphony requires them to follow, and the last is connected by *e* with the last but one, as:

*Un uomo brutto, avaro, negligente e pauroso*.

An ugly, avaricious, negligent, and timid man\*).

Such is also the case when *two* adjectives joined by *but* precede the noun, as:

*Un uomo povero ma onesto*, a poor but honest man\*\*).

8. The signification of a few adjectives is somewhat altered by their *position*:

*Un pover'uomo*, a poor (unhappy) man.

*Un uomo povero*, a poor (indigent) man.

*Una certa cosa*, a certain thing (= some thing).

*Una cosa certa*, a certain (sure) thing.

*Gran cosa*, something important.

*Una cosa grande*, a great thing.

*Un grand'uomo*, a great man.

*Un uomo grande*, a tall man.

*Un nuovo cappello*, a new hat = another hat.

*Un cappello nuovo*, a new hat = a newly made hat.

*Un galant'uomo (galantuomo)*, an honourable man.

*Un uomo galante*, a polite man.

*La sola mia figlia*, my only daughter.

*Mia figlia sola*, my daughter alone.

### Observations.

1. Every adjective or participle referring to *che cosa* (what?), is invariable, as:

*Che cosa ha detto*, what has he said?

2. If an adjective qualifies *two* substantives, it should follow these substantives and be *Plural*, as:

*Ecco un sorcio ed un gatto morti*.

There is a dead mouse and a dead cat.

*Un lapis ed una penna bene temperati*.

A well made pen and pencil.

\*) Or, as in Italian: *A man u., a., n., and t.*

\*\*) Or: *a man p. but h.*

3. The English expression *to look* (healthy etc.) is translated: *aver l'aria, aver la ciera* (to have a mien). The adverb employed with *to look* is rendered by the respective *adjective* in the *feminine* gender. Thus: *to look angry* means: *aver l'aria irritata* (*essere imbronciato*). — *To look hearty* is: *aver buona ciera*.

### E. Numerals.

(See Part. I, Less. 15 and 16.)

1. *Cardinal* numbers, when used as substantives, take the article, as:

*Un tre*, the cipher 3.

*Il dieci*, the (number) 10.

*Il nove di cuori*, nine of hearts (in cards).

2. *One* before *hundred* or *thousand* is never translated in Italian, as: in the year one thousand nine hundred and three *nell'anno millenovecentotre*, or *nel mille* etc.

3. Apart from the formation of *compound* ordinal numbers indicated in the Part. I, there is still another way of forming them immediately from the *cardinal* number by addition of the termination — *ésimo*. Thus instead of:

*quarantesimo primo* 41<sup>st</sup>, we may also say: *quarantunésimo*,

*cinquantésimo ottavo* the 58<sup>th</sup>, or: *cinquantottésimo*.

4. Sometimes, especially in poetry, *primiero* is used instead of *primo*, first. This form, however, is not allowable in *compound* numbers. Thus: *ventesimo primo* or *ventunésimo*, the 21<sup>st</sup>, but never: *ventesimo primiero*.

We subjoin the following Italianisms:

*A uno a uno*, one after another.

*A due a due* etc., by pairs (couples), by twos, etc.

*Verso le sei*, or . . . *le sei ore*, at about 6 o'clock.

*Suona un'ora* (*Batte un'ora*), it is striking one o'clock, more often *suona la una*.

*È l'una,*  
*È un'ora,* } it is one o'clock.

*Ad un'ora,*  
*Al tocco,* } at one o'clock.

*Un giorno sì, un giorno no,*  
*Ogni due giorni,* } every other day.

*Ceneremo in dieci*, we shall be ten at supper.

*Quindici giorni fa,* } a fortnight ago.  
*Sono quindici giorni,* }  
*Fra otto giorni,* within a week.  
*Domani a otto,* to-morrow week.  
*Domani a quindici,* to-morrow fortnight.  
*Entrambi sono amici miei,* both are friends of mine.  
*Vi dirò due parole,* I'll tell you a few words.  
*Queste mele costano cinque centesimi l'una,* these apples  
 cost five centimes a piece.

#### Traduzione. 85.

Henry IV. was one of the greatest kings. Here is the eight of hearts. America was discovered in the year 1492. There were thirty of us departing (say we departed thirty). I dine at one o'clock and go to bed after midnight. In half a year I shall go to America. This fowl is half burnt. This day week I shall be twenty years old. In a fortnight I shall leave Vienna. We were forty persons at dinner. I have a few words to (*da*) tell you. My music-master comes every other day. Paul and Virginia were very ignorant. The house and (the) yard are small. Give me half a pound of butter and two pounds and a half of bread. What have you found, my dear friend? How were the two ladies dressed? The young girl had a white dress and a white bonnet. The old lady wore a brown cap. My late grandmother has often told me this story. I read in the papers that to-morrow the house of Pietro Cossa, son of the deceased Antonio, is going to be sold (*sarà messa in vendita*). Mr. Malatesta looks very angry to-day. That is the gentleman who came at about seven o'clock. Lewis is a handsome young man. Francis is a little man, but very strong. Spain is a fertile, but badly cultivated country. To-day I made the acquaintance of a very learned man. A sober, simple, regulated, and laborious life invigorates (the) body and soul. My whole life was devoted to study. The nuns usually go out by twos. Having sought (*Ger.*) in vain his good luck in great enterprises, he returned to his former (*antica*) occupation.

#### Reading Exercise. 86.

##### Gli uccelli a Costantinopoli.

Costantinopoli ha una gaiezza<sup>1)</sup> e una grazia sua propria, che le viene da un'infinità di uccelli d'ogni specie, per i quali i turchi nutrono un vivo sentimento di simpatia e di rispetto.

1) Gaiety.

Moschee, boschi, vecchie mura, giardini, palazzi, tutto canta, tutto gruga<sup>2)</sup>, tutto chiocciola<sup>3)</sup>, tutto pigola<sup>4)</sup>; per tutto si sente frullo d'ali<sup>5)</sup>, per tutto c'è vita e armonia.

I passerì entrano arditamente nelle case e beccano<sup>6)</sup> nelle mani dei bimbi e delle donne; le rondini fanno il nido sulle porte dei caffè e sotto le volte<sup>7)</sup> dei bazar; i piccioni<sup>8)</sup>, a sciami<sup>9)</sup> innumerévoli, mantenuti con lasciti<sup>10)</sup> di Sultani e di privati, formano delle ghirlande<sup>11)</sup> bianche e nere lungo i cornicioni<sup>12)</sup> delle cúpole e intorno ai terrazzi dei minareti; i gabbiani<sup>13)</sup> volteggiano<sup>14)</sup> festosamente intorno ai cicchi<sup>15)</sup>; migliaia di tortorelle<sup>16)</sup> amoreggiano fra i cipressi<sup>17)</sup> dei cimiteri; intorno al castello delle sette torri crocitano<sup>18)</sup> i corvi e rotano<sup>19)</sup> gli avvoltoi<sup>20)</sup>; gli alcioni<sup>21)</sup> vanno e vengono in lunghe file<sup>22)</sup> fra il mar Nero e il mar di Mármara; e le cicogne<sup>23)</sup> gloterano<sup>24)</sup> sulle cupolette dei mausolei solitari.

Per il Turco ognuno di questi uccelli ha un senso gentile o una virtù<sup>25)</sup> benigna: le tórtore proteggono gli amori, le rondini scongiurano<sup>26)</sup> gl'incendi dalle case dove appendono il nido, le cicogne fanno ogni inverno un pellegrinaggio<sup>27)</sup> alla Mecca, gli alcioni portano in paradiso le anime dei fedeli.

Così egli li protegge e li alimenta<sup>28)</sup> per gratitudine e per religione, ed essi gli fanno festa intorno alla casa, sul mare e tra i sepolcri.

In ogni parte di Stambul si è sorvolati<sup>29)</sup>, circuiti<sup>30)</sup>, rasentati<sup>31)</sup> dai loro stormi<sup>32)</sup> sonori, che spandono per la città l'allegrezza della campagna e rinfrescano continuamente nell'anima il sentimento della natura.

*Edmondo de Amicis.*

2) to coo. 3) to cluck. 4) to pip. 5) a fluttering. 6) to pick. 7) vaults. 8) pigeons. 9) swarms. 10) legacy. 11) garlands. 12) cornices. 13) sea-gull. 14) to whirl. 15) top of a tower. 16) dove. 17) cypress. 18) to croak. 19) to whirl round. 20) vulture. 21) halcyon. 22) file. 23) stork. 24) to clapper. 25) charm, influence. 26) to keep off. 27) pilgrimage. 28) to feed. 29) to fly over. 30) to fly round. 31) to graze. 32) swarms.

#### **Díálogo.**

Che cosa deve Costantinopoli agli uccelli?

Che sentimento nutrono i Turchi per gli uccelli?

Dove e come si fanno sentire gli uccelli a Costantinopoli?

Che fanno colà i passerì e le rondini?

Che cosa formano colà i piccioni e dove?

Che fanno i gabbiani e le tortorelle?

Che fanno i corvi e gli avvoltoi?

Che fanno gli alcioni e le cicogne?

Qual senso e quale virtù hanno questi uccelli pel Turco?

Che fa il Turco per essi?

Che si sente stando a Stambul, e che bene fanno gli uccelli a quella città e ai suoi abitanti?

## Ninth Lesson.

### The Pronouns.

(See I. P. Less. 22.)

#### A. Personal Pronouns.

1. If a Personal pronoun is followed by *che* (who, that), the *verb* should always agree with the pronoun, as:

*Tu che hai detto questa bugia.*

Thou who hast told this lie.

*Noi che siamo stati presenti.*

We who have been present.

2. In general the pronoun may be omitted, if it is not required for the distinctness of the sense, as:

*Addio! È tempo perduto per tutt'e due. (M.)*

Adieu! It is a mere loss of time for both of us.

3. The conjunctive pronouns *ne*, of it, and *ci* or *vi*, there, to it, etc. only refer to *things*, never to persons. *Ha dei libri? Ne ha molti.* Has he (some) books? He has many. But:

He speaks of him, of her.

*Egli parla di lui, di lei*, but never: *egli ne parla.*

Yet *ne* in some cases is also applied to persons.

Ex.:

*Avete veduto dei soldati? Ne abbiamo veduto una moltitudine.*

Have you seen (some) soldiers? We have seen many.

Note. *Ne* is often met with where it might be omitted, as in the following sentence:

*Di questi ne sono tanti.* [As in French: *de ceux-là il y en a beaucoup.*]

There are a great many of this kind.

Frequently *vi* is used pleonastically with the 2nd Pl., as:

*Non sapete quel che vi dite. (M.)*

You do not know what you are saying.

In poetry, and in ancient prose classics, *ne* often replaces *ci*, *us*, *to us*, as:

*Ne dicono*, they tell us\*).

*La vostra Magnificenza ne ha messi* (Bocc. Dec. 9, 1).  
Your Honour has sent us.

4. Before *lui*, *lei*, *loro*, and sometimes before *substantives* the *invariable* pronoun *esso* is met with, as:

*Sono venuto con esso lui, con esso lei, con esso loro.*  
I have come with him, with her, with them.

*Da esso imperiale, reale Governo.*

From this imperial, royal Government.

(By the addition of *esso* the expression is rendered more precise; before substantives it is usually found in official documents.)

5. The masculine accusative *lo* is occasionally replaced by *il* before words beginning with *consonants*, except *s impura*, as: *il vedo*, I see him (it); *il so*, I know him (it). When preceded by one of the pronouns *mi*, *ti*, *si*, *gli*, *ci*, *vi*, or by the negative particle *non*, the *i* of *il* is usually *dropped*, or both words are *contracted* into one, thus: *me'l*, *te'l*, *glie'l*, *ce'l*, *ve'l*, *se'l*, *no'l*, or *mel*, *tel*, *gliel*, *cel*, *vel*, *sel*, *nol*. Ex.: *mel dice* for *me il dice*, he tells me so.

6. If *vi* or *ne* is used with a *conj. pers.* pronoun, the latter follows, as:

*Vi ti vedo*, I see thee there.

*Ne la credo capace*, I think her capable of it.

NB. This is also the case, if both pronouns are *affixed*, as:

*Quasi toccasse a me di levarnela.* (M.)

As if it were my duty to rescue her (from it).

*Ci*, on the contrary, follows the pronoun, as:

*Mi ci recai*, I went there.

Note. *Nui* and *vui* are poetical forms for *noi* and *voi*, as: *Nui chiniam la fronte* (Manz.), we bend our foreheads.

7. In *exclamatory* sentences, the pronoun used with an adjective should *follow*, as:

*Cara lei!* I say, my dear!

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\* ) *Ne* is frequently placed before the *auxiliary* verb, instead of preceding or following the *principal* verb, e. g.: *non ne posso mangiare*, for: *non posso mangiarne*.



With the 3rd person of the pronoun, the *accus.*, as being more sonorous, is preferred to the *nomin.*, thus:

*Benedetto lui!* May he be blessed!

*Povera lei!* Poor thing! (of a female).

It is a peculiarity of Italian colloquial language, that in *exclamations* the *demonstrative* pronoun *quello* is often added pleonastically, as:

*Ehi, quel signore!* I say, Sir!

*Quella signora!* I say, Madam!

8. The *feminine* of the pers. pron. referring to a word *understood*, like *idea*, *opinion*, *ragione* etc., is often used in the *nominative* or *accusative* case contracted into *la*, as:

*La* (i. e. *cosa*) *non va così*, that won't do.

*La mi pare strana*, the thing seems rather strange to me.

*La\**) *è chiara*, it is clear.

Adjectives and other pronouns used with *la* must, of course, become *feminine*, as:

*La dico schietta*, I am speaking my mind freely.

*Note.* Even without any reference to one of the words *cosa*, *opinione* etc., *la* may be used in lieu of *ella*, as:

*La* (= *ella*) *venne finalmente*. At last she came.

*By itself* the *adjective* may likewise tacitly refer to a word *understood* like *idea*, *opinion* etc., in which case it should, therefore, be *feminine*, as:

*Oh, questa è grossa!* (*M.*)

Oh! that is nonsense indeed! [Lit. this (idea) is strong.]

9. The *datives* and *accusatives* of the *conjoined* pers. pronouns, as well as the words *ci*, *vi*, and *ne*, are generally written in *one* word with *ecco*, thus:

*Éccomi*, here I am; *éccolo*, here he is; *éccovene*, here you have (some) of it, etc.

10. If by *inversion* a noun in the *acc.* *precedes* the verb, the *personal pronoun* should be inserted (as in French):

*Queste sette medaglie le troverò.*

As for those seven medals, I shall find them.

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\*) The pupil should be reminded that in such a case *la* is not an *article*, as it undoubtedly is in the phrases *la mia*, *la sua* (i. e. *opinione* etc.; see pag. 245, 11), but a *personal pronoun*.

*La vostra lettera l'abbiamo ricevuta, ma il danaro no.*

Your letter has come to hand, but not your money.

11. Sometimes the pronouns of the 3rd pers. are added, when a nominative precedes, as:

*Affinchè i poveri prigionieri sorridano anch' essi.* (Silv. Pell.)

So that the poor prisoners may also smile.

### The Personal pronoun it.

1. *It*, when *nominative*, is usually not translated, or is rendered by *egli*, or *gli*, as:

It is cold, *è freddo*, or: *fa freddo*.

It is long, *gli è un pezzo*.

It is easy, *gli è facile*, etc.

Frequently it is rendered by *la* (i. e. *cosa*) or *si*, as:

So it is, *la è così*.

As it be, *qual si sia*.

In sentences where great stress is laid on the personal pronouns, as: *you have said it*, or: *it is you* that . . . it is often expressed in a way not unlike the French forms *c'est moi qui*, *c'est vous qui* etc., as:

*Siete voi che l'avete detto.*

You have said it (French: *c'est vous qui l'avez dit*).

*Note.* In the foregoing sentence, the nominative *voi* follows the verb; if, however, the nominative *precedes* the verb, a *demonstrative* pronoun is required before *che*, as:

*Voi siete quelli che l'avete detto.*

You have said it (*lit.*: you are those that have said it).

2. *It*, if an accusative, corresponds to *lo*, as: *lo so*, I know it\*); *lo vedo*, I see it, etc.

3. In the First Part of this grammar, we hinted that the English way of answering simply with: *yes*, *I am*, or: *yes*, *I do*, etc. is by no means admissible in Italian. Here we must carefully distinguish, whether in the preceding question the word to which the answer refers, has the *definite article* or a *determinative adjective*, as in the following sentences:

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\*) The English phrase: *you know!* is best translated: *sa (Ella)!* but may not be so often repeated as in English. Such is also the case with the English: *I say!* which should be translated: *senti (senta or sentite)!*

Are you the mother of this child? Yes, I am (sc. the mother).

Are these your gloves? Yes, they are (sc. mine).

In Italian, if the answer is not only *sì* or *no*, the whole sentence is mostly repeated:

*È Ella la madre di questo fanciullo? Sì, son la madre di questo fanciullo.*

*Siete voi gli amici di questo disgraziato? Sì, siamo i suoi amici.*

If, however, the answer refers to a preceding *adjective* or *verb* without an article or determinative adjective, *lo* is placed before the verb of the answering phrase. Thus:

*È Ella ammalata? Sì, lo sono.*

Are you ill? Yes, I am (i. e. ill).

*Sono maritate queste donne? Sì, lo sono.*

Are these ladies married? Yes, they are (i. e. married).

*Siete cristiani? Sì, lo siamo.*

Are you Christians? Yes, we are (i. e. Christians).

4. In *comparative sentences* with *più*, *meno*, and *così*, *lo* is frequently used after *che*. After *più* and *meno* we either say simply *che*, or *di quel che*, or *che\**) followed by the negative particle *non*. Ex.:

*È adesso più diligente che nol\*\*) fosse mai.*

He is now more diligent than he ever was.

*È più accorto di quel che pensate.*    { He is more cunning  
*È più accorto che pensate.*            { than you think.  
*È più accorto che non pensate.*

5. The following Italianisms with *la* are much in use:

*Me la pagherà*, he shall pay for it.

*Me l'avete fatta*, you have played me a trick.

*Vuol capirla sì o no?* Don't you see?

*Finitela una volta!* Have done!

#### Traduzione. 87.

I shall write to him myself. To you I owe (*dovere*) (*transl.*: you are [it] to whom . . .) my liberty and (my) life. Are you speaking of my works? Yes, we are speaking of them (*ne*). Is this your house? Yes, it is. This young man is now less strong [than he was], when (*di quando*) I

\*) See p. 248.

\*\*) *Nol* = *non lo*. See p. 251, 5.

saw him in Vienna. Are those girls really unhappy? Yes, they are (it). Do you see that woman with the basket on her head (*in testa*)? Is (she) it your cook (*f.*)? Yes, she is. Are you the workmen? Yes, we are. Have you your spectacles about you? Yes, I never go out without them. Is your friend with you? You know that I never go out without him. I have come with him. I found him there. I say, my good friend (*voi*), come hither, if you please! Happy the man (*lui*), who has found a true friend! They that know nothing, will ridicule (*burlarsi di qcs.*) the works of others. Is this man as poor as he says? I know that he has more money than you think. (The) Virtue is so necessary to (the) man, that he can (*potere*) not live without it. Have you any money about you? I have none (*ne*) about me; but my brothers have some (*ne*) [about them]. Is the dog under the bed? No, he is not there (*vi*). How many planets are there? There (*ve ne*) are more than a hundred. He will soon see me and my sister. He told it to me and not to you. If you have so many books, please (*abbia la compiacenza di*) lend me one of them (*ne*). If I were you!\*) Thou wilt be punished like me. I am neither like you nor like him. (The) Virtue is amiable of (*per*) itself. Is it you, Alfred (*Alfredo*), or our neighbour who has planted this tree? Is it I, who planted it. You and he were not attentive. Is it cold to-day? He shall pay for it! Are you soldiers? Yes, we are (it).

### Reading Exercise. 88.

From «Le mie prigionie».

Capo 58.

Acerbissima cosa, dopo aver già detto addio a tanti oggetti, quando non si è più che in due (*two*) amici egualmente avventurati, ah sì! acerbissima cosa è il dividersi<sup>1)</sup>. Maroncelli\*) nel lasciarmi<sup>2)</sup> vedéami infermo e compiangeva in me un uomo ch'ei probabilmente non vedrebbe mai più<sup>3)</sup>; io compiangeva in lui un fiore splendido di salute, rapito forse per sempre alla luce vitale del sole. È quel fiore in-

1) To part. 2) when he left me. 3) no more.

\*) When the personal pronouns, as in the above sentence, are governed by one of the verbs *essere*, *credere*, *parere*, and *supporre*, or when preceded by one of the comparative particles *come*, *siccome* or *quanto*, the *accusative* and not the *nominative* case should be employed, as: *me*, *te*, *lui*, *lei*, etc. Such is also the case with the exclamation, as: *ahi misero me!* Alas, how unhappy I am!

\*\*) *Maroncelli*, an Italian poet, likewise a prisoner at the Spielberg.

fatti, oh come appassì<sup>4</sup>)! Rivide un giorno la luce, ma oh in quale stato!

Allorchè mi trovai solo nella mia prigione e intesi serrarsi (*them shut*; see P. I. Less. 27) i catenacci e distinsi al barlume<sup>5</sup>) che discendeva da alto finestruolo, il nudo pancione dátomi<sup>6</sup>) per letto ed una enorme catena al muro, m'assisi fremente su quel letto, e presa<sup>7</sup>) quella catena ne misurai la lunghezza, pensando fosse<sup>8</sup>) destinata per me.

Mezz'ora dappoi, ecco stridere<sup>9</sup>) le chiavi<sup>\*</sup>); la porta s'apre: il capo-carceriere<sup>10</sup>) mi portava una brocca d'acqua.

«Questo è per bere», disse con voce búrbera, «e domattina porterò la pagnotta.»

«Grazie, buon'uomo!»

«Non sono buono!» rispose.

«Peggio<sup>11</sup>) per voi!» gli dissi sdegnato<sup>12</sup>). «E questa catena», soggiunsi, «è forse per me?»

«Sì, Signore, se mai non fosse quieto, se infuriasse, se dicesse insolenze. Ma se sarà ragionevole, non le porremo altro che una catena a' piedi. Il fabbro la sta apparecchiando<sup>13</sup>).» Ei passeggiava lentamente su e giù<sup>14</sup>), agitando quel villano mazzo di grosse chiavi, ed io con occhio irato mirava la sua gigantesca, magra, vecchia persona; e ad onta<sup>15</sup>) de'lineamenti non volgari del suo volto, tutto in lui mi sembrava l'espressione odiosissima d'un brutale rigore.

4) withered. 5) twilight. 6) given me. 7) after having taken. 8) whether it were. 9) *stridere*, to creak. 10) head-gaoler. 11) so much the worse... 12) indignant. 13) is preparing it. The verb *stare* is sometimes added to the Part. pres. in order to indicate an action being just performed. 14) to and fro'. 15) notwithstanding.

### Díalogo.

Come si chiamava l'amico di Silvio Pellico, imprigionato come lui allo Spielberg?

In quale stato rivide Maroncelli il suo amico?

Che fece Pellico della catena che vide al muro?

Chi gli fece la prima visita in prigione?

Che cosa gli disse il carceriere?

Che fece poi?

Era già vecchio il carceriere?

Che promise il carceriere a Pellico?

Con quali sentimenti guardò Pellico quel vecchio?

\*) In Italian the Infinitive Mood is sometimes used instead of the Present tense. (See Less. 22, II. P.)

## Tenth Lesson.

### B. Interrogative Pronouns.

(See I. P. Less. 24.)

The difference between *quale*, *chi*, and *che* is as follows:

*Quale* denotes more distinctly a certain person or thing among others of the same kind. *Chi?* always refers to persons, *che?* to things. *Quale*, therefore, corresponds to the English which? whilst *chi?* means who? and *che?* what? The learner may compare the following examples:

*Chi è venuto?* Who has come?

*Lo zio*, the uncle.

*Quale?* which (uncle)?

*Lo zio Carlo*, uncle Charles.

English *what?* is rendered by *che?* or *che cosa?* When expressing surprise, it is generally translated *come*, as:

*Come! suo fratello è morto?* What! your brother has died?

### Notes.

1. *Cui* is nowadays never interrogative, as:

*A chi* (and not *A cui* or *cui*) *lo darete?* To whom shall you give it?

2. In *indirect* questions, *cui* sometimes occurs as an *accusative*, as:

*Non sapeva, cui* (better *chi*) *avesse veduto.*

He did not know, whom he had seen.

3. The pronoun *chente* = *quale*, *che* is quite out of use. Ex.:

*Chente fosse la povertà*, whatever poverty may be.

### C. Relative Pronouns.

It is of great importance to distinguish between the *relative* and *interrogative* pronouns. *Quale* without the article is *interrogative*, with the article, however, it is *relative*. Thus we may never say:

*Il quale volete*, which do you want? but: *quale volete?*

Nor: *L'uomo chi ha detto ciò*, the man who said so.

But: *L'uomo che ha detto ciò.*

The pronoun *cui*, without a nominative case (Latin *cujus* and *cui*), never takes the definite article. Sentences like:

*Il fanciullo, il cui padre morì l'anno scorso,*  
must therefore be considered *elliptical*, the preposition *di* being omitted before *cui*, i. e.:

*Il fanciullo il di cui padre morì l'anno scorso.*

The child whose father died last year.

**NB.** *Di cui* may also be placed *after* the substantive, thus:

*Il fanciullo il padre di cui (or del quale) morì, etc.*

*La madre, la cui (or la di cui) bontà è così grande; or:*

*La madre, la bontà di cui (or: della quale) è così grande.*

When an object follows *cui*, the verb often takes its place between them, as:

*Il signore di cui conoscete il figlio etc.*

The gentleman whose son you know, etc.

**Note.** *Cui* without the article is frequently an *accusative* case instead of *il (la) quale*. Sentences like: *il generale, il quale (or che) invitò a pranzo il colonnello*, the general whom the colonel invited to dinner, are somewhat *ambiguous*, as it seems doubtful whether *il quale* is *nominative* or *accusative*. To avoid a misconception, *cui* should be employed: *il generale cui (whom) invitò a pranzo il colonnello*.

*Cui* ought to be employed of *persons* only; notwithstanding there are a great many examples to be found where *cui* refers to *things*. *Cui* is often used as a *dative* case without *a* (as in Latin), viz.: *il capitano cui scrissi*, the captain to whom I wrote, for: *a cui scrissi*.

In ancient writers *cui* is also met with as a *genitive* case, without *di*, and following its substantive, as:

*In casa cui morto era.* (Bocc.)

In whose house he had died.

In elegant language *onde* or *donde* are used instead of *dal (dalla) quale, da cui*, Pl. *dai (dalle) quali, da cui*; yet these adverbs never refer to *persons*. Ex.:

*Que' begli occhi ond'escono saette.* (Petr.)

Those beautiful eyes from which arrows are flying.

Likewise *ove* and *dove* are sometimes used, as in French, instead of *nel (nella) quale*, Pl. *nei (nelle) quali*.

*Che*, when referring not to a *single word*, but to the *sentence* preceding, takes the *definite* article (not unlike the French *ce qui* or *ce que*), as:

*Gli diede uno scudo, il che lo rese subito gentile.*

He gave him a dollar, which (*ce qui*) rendered him polite directly.

*Note.* In such a case *che* is declined like a substantive; yet instead of saying *del che*, *al che*, we may also say *di che* and *a che*, but not *da che* for *dal che*, because *da che* (contr. *dacchè*) means *since*. (For *il che*, what, *lo che*, sometimes contr. into *locchè*, is likewise in use.)

*Quale*, too, is sometimes met with as a *relative* pronoun, as:

*Una novella qual voi udirete.* (Bocc.)

A tale which you will hear.

*Il quale* rarely connects two *principal* sentences (as in Latin). Ex.:

*Fernando se n'andò alla badia, il quale come l'abate vide . . .* (Bocc.)

F. went away to the abbey; when the abbot saw this . . .

Italianisms occur with *che* and *uno*; such as:

*Un certo non so che*, a vague feeling (*un je ne sais quoi*).

*Un bel che*, a fine match.

*È un gran che*, it is something particular, an important affair.

*NB.* English compound prepositions like: *whereupon*, *wherewith*, *whereas*, etc. should be rendered by pronouns with prepositions, as: *con che*, *wherewith*; *mentre che*, *whereas*, etc.

As in English, *chi*, mostly in proverbial expressions, is often used without being interrogative, instead of *quello che*, he who . . . Thus: *chi va piano, va sano*, he who goes slowly goes surely.

*Note.* In poetry the preposition on which *che* depends, is often *omitted*, as:

*Questa vita terrena è quasi un prato, che 'l serpente tra fiori giace.* (Petr.)

Earthly life is like a meadow, where (*in che*, in which) the snake lies under flowers.

#### Traduzione. 89.

Which countries did Alexander the Great conquer? Here are two grammars, which do you prefer? With (*Di*) what



did you occupy yourself during the long vacation? Which hero was greatest, Cæsar, Alexander or Napoleon? What, you were bold enough (*avere tanta arditezza*) to tell him so? Who will come along with me, you or your sister? What is (the) human life? A philosopher has answered: 'A dream!' Who arrived from Turkey to-day? My brother. Which? Charles. The young lady whose mother told us this (*transl.*: gave us these) good news, is called Mary. What is there more important to mankind than universal civilisation? What is (*c'è*) the news (*di nuovo*)? Who retains this earth of ours in the immense space of the universe? On (*di*) what may I depend (*fidarmi*)? A little more glory, a little more riches — what is it all? In whose honour did the Egyptians erect their pyramids? In honour of their kings. Which of these girls do you like (*piacere*) most? That (one) with the fair hair and the blue eyes. Which is the divine voice that speaketh to us in this world? It is thou, conscience! Thou art the unerring judge of what is good and what is evil (*transl.*: of good and evil).

## 90.

My friend's sister, who arrived yesterday, has set out (*partire per*) for Paris to-day. The physician's daughter of whom I spoke to you lately, was married a few days ago. The means\*) the murderer made use of, are abominable. The house I come from (*uscire*), belongs to my father-in-law. The tulips, whose colours are magnificent, have no (translate: *not*) smell. The state wherein I find myself, is almost unbearable. The emperor Nero, of whose cruelty a Roman historian speaks, killed himself (*si diede la morte*) in the year 68 after Christ. There is (*c'è*) nothing which I oftener think (*Cong.*) of than (of) the unhappy fate of my friend. We believe (that which) what we see. What is true is also good. (The) virtue and (the) liberty are the conditions without which one cannot be happy. What I wish most (see page 134), is to see you happy. Let us see which will jump best. That is (*ecco*) [the thing] about which (*di . . .*) I wanted to speak with you. What (*transl. the thing which*) the miser least thinks of, is to help the poor. I have not yet seen him, since I have been here. The gentleman to whom (*acc.*) your father paid a visit (*andare a trovare*), is my best friend (*il mio più intimo amico*). The lady whose son I recommend to you, is a niece of my wife. He gave (*dire*) me some hard (*brusco*) words, which offended me much. A vague feeling told me not to go there (*di non andarvi*).

\*) In Italian the relative pronouns cannot be omitted as in English.

## Reading Exercise. 91.

## Continuazione del Capo 58.

Oh, come gli uomini sono ingiusti, giudicando dall'apparenza e secondo le loro superbe prevenzioni! Colui ch'io m'immaginava agitasse<sup>1)</sup> allegramente le chiavi, per farmi sentire la sua trista podestà, colui ch'io riputava impudente per lunga consuetudine d'incrudelire<sup>2)</sup>, volgea<sup>3)</sup> pensieri di compassione, e certamente non parlava a quel modo con accento búrbero, se non per nascondere questo sentimento. Avrebbe voluto nascondere a me per non parer<sup>4)</sup> debole, e per paura ch'io ne fossi indegno; ma nello stesso tempo supponendo che forse io era più infelice che iniquo<sup>5)</sup>, avrebbe desiderato di palesarmelo.

Noiato della sua presenza, e più della sua aria di padrone, stimai opportuno<sup>6)</sup> d'umiliarlo, dicendogli imperiosamente, quasi a servitore: Dátemi da bere!

Ei mi guardò, e pareva significare<sup>7)</sup>: Arrogante! qui bisogna divezzarsi dal comandare.

Ma tacque, chinò la sua lunga schiena<sup>8)</sup>, prese in terra la brocca, e me la porse. M'avvidi<sup>9)</sup>, pigliandola, ch'ei tremava, e attribuendo quel trémuto alla sua vecchiezza, un misto<sup>10)</sup> di pietà e di riverenza temperò il mio orgoglio.

Quanti anni avete? gli dissi con voce amorevole. Settantaquattro, Signore: ho già veduto molte sventure e mie ed altrui.

Questo cenno<sup>11)</sup> sulle sventure sue ed altrui fu accompagnato da nuovo trémuto, nell'atto<sup>12)</sup> ch'ei ripigliava la brocca; e dubitai fosse (*whether it were*) effetto, non della sola età, ma d'un nobile perturbamento. Siffatto<sup>13)</sup> dubbio cancellò dall'anima mia l'odio che il suo primo aspetto m'aveva impresso.

Come vi chiamate? gli dissi.

La fortuna, signore, si burlò di me, dándomi il nome d'un grand'uomo. Mi chiamo Schiller.

Indi in poche parole mi narrò qual fosse il suo paese, quale l'origine, quali le guerre vedute e le ferite riportate.

Era Svizzero, di famiglia contadina, avea militato contro a' Turchi sotto il generale Laudon a' tempi di Maria Teresa e di Giuseppe II, indi in tutte le guerre dell'Austria contro alla Francia, sino alla caduta<sup>14)</sup> di Napoleone.

1) = *Che agitasse*, that he shook. 2) to be cruel. 3) *volgere*, liter.: to turn, here: to feel. 4) to seem. 5) wicked. 6) convenient. 7) *significare*, to signify, here: as if he would say. 8) *schiena*, the spine, chine, figur. for back. 9) I perceived. 10) *un misto*, a mixed feeling. 11) hint. 12) *nell'atto*, at the moment. 13) *siffatto*, of this kind. 14) *la caduta*, the downfall.

**Diálogo.**

Quale impressione fece a Silvio Pellico il suo carceriere?  
 Aveva ragione di giudicarlo crudele?  
 Che disse il prigioniero?  
 E che rispose il carceriere?  
 Di che cosa s'accorse Silvio, quando il carceriere gli  
 porse la brocca?  
 Quanti anni aveva quel vecchio?  
 Come si chiamava?  
 Di che paese era?  
 Che narrò poi Schiller al prigioniero?  
 Sotto qual generale aveva militato?  
 Quali guerre aveva vedute?

**Eleventh Lesson.****Indefinite Pronouns.**

As we said in the First Part, Less. 26, some of these very numerous words are always *adjectives*, i. e., they are never used without *substantives*; others, however, are *real pronouns*, and some of them may be employed as *adjectives* or as *pronouns*. If used with substantives, they are called *conjunctive*, if without, *absolute* indefinite pronouns.

1. **Ogni**, every, is always *conjunctive* and used in the Singular only, as:

*Ogni uomo*, every man; *ogni città*, every town.

*Note.* Before *numerals*, like: *ogni cento anni*, and in the word *Ognissanti*, All-Saints'-Day, it is found in the Plural. With *ora* (hour) it is contracted into *one* word: *ognora*, always, and it is also followed by conjunctions and adverbs, as: *ogni volta* (*ogni qual volta*), every time; *ogni dove*, everywhere etc.

2. **Ognuno**, *-a*, every one, is always *absolute* and used in the *Singular without the article*, as: *ognuno lo dice*, *ognuno lo vuole*. A very rare form is *ognunque* for *ognuno*.

*NB.* Sometimes *everybody* or *every one* is rendered *negatively* by *non è chi . . . non*, as:

*Non è chi al primo vederlo non lo discerna.* (M.)

Everybody perceives it at first sight.

(*Lit.*: There is nobody who would not etc.)

In such a case the verb following *non* must be put in the *Subj. mood*.

3. *Ciascuno*, -a, or *ciascheduno*, -a, every one, is *conjunctive* as well as *absolute*. In the latter case it is used of *persons* only, in the former of persons as well as of things, as:

*Ciascuno* (or *ciascheduno*) *parla della sua generosità*.

Every one speaks of his generosity.

*Ciascuna volta che lo vidi*.

Every time I saw him.

4. *Nessuno* (*nissuno*), *niuno*, *veruno*, and *nullo*\*), none, nobody, no one, are *conjunctive* as well as *absolute*, and employed in the Singular only.

Except *nullo*, which may be Plural if it means vain, naught, as: *le sue speranze sono nulle*, his hopes are naught. But in this case *nullo* is an adjective.

All these words are negative, and *veruno* is the most emphatic negation amongst them, corresponding to the English *none at all*. The learner should not forget that these pronouns, when before the verb, do not take the negative particle *non* (see I. P., page 65, 2), as:

*Nessuno* (*niuno*, *veruno*) *vi crede*, nobody believes you.

But: *Non vi crede nessuno*.

NB. *Persona* with *non* (like the French *ne* — *personne*) occurs but rarely, as:

*Nella qual casa non dimorava persona*. (Bocc.)

In which house there lived nobody.

5. *Alcuno*, -a, any one, somebody, a few, several, many a, etc., is *conjunctive* as well as *absolute*, and used in both numbers. With the negative particles *non*, *nè*, etc. it means *none*, *nobody*. Ex.:

*Alcuni di questi ragazzi*, several of these boys.

*Alcune ragazze*, a few girls.

*Non conosco alcuno*, I don't know any one.

*Conoscete alcuno?* do you know any one?

*Alcuno* is also found with a *neuter* signification, as:

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\*) After the word *senza*, and in sentences implying a question, prohibition, or doubt, these words lose their negative signification, and mean any one, any. Ex.: *senza verun amico*, without any friend; *era qui nessuno?* has any one been here?

*Era alcun che ne' suoi occhi.*

There was something in his look.

6. **Qualcuno, -a**, or **qualcheduno, -a**, any one, anybody, is *absolute* and used in the *Singular* only, as:

*È ella stata da qualcheduno?*

Have you been to see anybody?

(Occasionally *qualcuni, -e*, may be found; these forms, however, are not quite correct.)

*Remark.* In poetry and in the loftier style *somebody, some one, anybody, any one*, are translated: *v'è (c'è) chi*, and negatively: *non c'è chi, non v'è chi*, as:

*Non c'è chi venga con me?* Will nobody come with me?

(*N'y a-t-il personne qui vienne avec moi?*) (See 2.)

7. **Qualche**, any, is only conjunctive and used in the *Singular*, but for both genders, as:

*Avete qualche libro*, have you any book?

When followed by *cosa*, it means something, as:

*Qualche cosa di buono*, something good.

*Uno* is seldom found before *qualche*, as:

*Un qualche significato*, a certain signification.

8. **Chiunque, chicchessia\***, and **chi si voglia**, whoever, whosoever, are invariable for both genders, *absolute* and *Singular*, as:

*Chiunque tu sia*, whoever you be.

9. **Qualunque**, whoever, whatever, every, is *conjunctive* and invariable for both genders, *Singular* and *Plural*. *Ex.*:

*Qualunque libro*, any book whatever.

*Qualunque siano le vostre ricchezze.* However great your riches may be.

*Remark.* For euphony, a word may be inserted between *qualunque* and its substantive, as in the last example. When no substantive is used with *qualunque*, this pronoun is *absolute*, and *qualunque* should be followed by *di*, as:

*Qualunque di questi libri*, whichever of these books.

10. **Qualsisia** and **qualsivógli**, *Plur. qualsisiano* and *qualsivógliano*. These compounds\*\*) have almost the same signification as *qualunque*, as:

\*) Derived from *chi che sia*, whoever it be; French: *qui que ce soit*.

\*\*) Properly speaking, *qual si sia, qual si voglia*, whatever it be, whatever one pleases.

*Lo studio di qualsisia or qualsivóglia lingua.*

The study of any language whatever.

*Qualsistano i dolori che abbiate.*

Whatever be your sufferings.

For the sake of greater perspicuity, we give here the foregoing words arranged according to their signification :

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|-------------------------|--|
| 1. Each, every          | $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{ogni (always conj.).} \\ \text{ognuno (abs.).} \\ \text{ciascuno} \\ \text{ciascheduno} \end{array} \right\}$ abs. and conj.<br><i>tutto.</i><br><i>chiunque, chicchessia, chi si voglia</i> (abs.).<br><i>qualunque</i> (conj.).<br><i>qualsisia, qualsivóglia</i> (conj.). |
| 2. None, no one, nobody | $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{nessuno} \\ \text{niuno} \\ \text{veruno} \\ \text{nullo} \end{array} \right\}$ abs. and conj.<br><i>alcuno</i> , with the negation.   |
| 3. Anybody              | $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{alcuna (absolute and conjunct.).} \\ \text{qualcuno} \\ \text{qualcheduno} \end{array} \right\}$ absolute.<br><i>qualche</i> (conjunct.).  |

Further peculiarities are presented by:

1. **Tutto**, in the Singular whole, all\*), in the Plural all, requires the article before the following substantive, and is *absolute* as well as *conjunctive*, as:

*Tutta la casa*, the whole house.

*Tutti gli uomini*, all men.

*Così fan tutte*, liter.: so they (*fem.*) do all.

2. **Tutto quanto, tutto quanta**, Pl. *tutti quanti, tutte quante*, means all, altogether; this pronoun is generally *absolute*, though some examples may be found, where it appears *conjunctive*; in gender and number it agrees with the substantive to which it belongs. Ex.:

\*) Sometimes *tutto* is used in the Singular without an article before the substantive, and then signifies *ogni*. Ex.: *tutt'uomo*, every one; *tutta Italia*, all Italy. — As an adverb *tutto* is used in the singular alone: *tutto sbalordito, tutta sbalordita*, quite confused (*f.*). — *Tutti sbalorditi* and *tutte sbalordite* would signify: they were *all of them* confused.

*Ho veduto tutti quanti* (f. inst. i soldati).

I have seen them all (altogether).

*Le signore sono state derubate tutte quante.*

All the ladies [without exception] have been robbed.

*Ha venduto tutta quanta la roba.*

He has sold all the luggage.

*Note.* *Tutto quanto* is more emphatic than *tutto*.

3. *Tanto* (*cotanto*), *altrettanto*, as much as, so much, *quanto*, how much. These words are *conjunctive* as well as *absolute*.

*Mi diede tanto danaro*, he gave me so much money.

*L'ho veduto tante volte*, I have seen him so many times.

*Un tanto re*, so great a king.

*Quante lagrime*, how many tears!

*Egli ritornò con altrettanto danaro.*

He came back with quite as much money.

*Quanto ho da pagare?* What (how much) am I to pay?

*Tanto*, so much.

*Observation.* *Tanto* and *cotanto* often correspond to the adverbs *so*, *so much*, *so very*. In this case *quanto* means *how*, *how very*, and sometimes *concerning*, in as much as, being followed by the dative. Ex.:

*Egli è tanto ammalato*, he is so ill.

*Deve soffrir tanto*, he must suffer so much.

*Il fanciullo gli piacque cotanto*, the child pleased him so much.

*Tanto meglio*, so much the better.

*Tanto peggio*, so much the worse.

*Quanto (In quanto) a me, non andrò*, as for me, I shall not go.

4. *Tanto* — *quanto*, *tanto* — *che*, are always separated by a word, and are rendered by: as well — as. In this adverbial signification they are *invariable*. Examples.

*I cibi tanto cotti quanto crudi.*

Eatables, cooked as well as raw.

*Tanto gli uni che gli altri.*

The one as well as the others.

5. *Per quanto*, however, howsoever, whatever, is always *invariable* when placed as an *adverb* before an adjective or another adverb. Yet *per quanto* may occasionally be used as an adjective, in which case it is translated *whatever*. Examples:

*Per quanto caro mi sia*, however dear he be to me.  
*Per quanto gli dica*, whatever I may tell him.  
*Per quanto è in mio potere*, whatever is in my power.  
*Per quanti sforzi egli faccia*, whatever efforts he may make.

*Quantunque*, which is always invariable, does not differ in its signification from *per quanto*.

6. *Alquanto*, -a, is *conjunctive* as well as *absolute*, and used in both genders and numbers. If conjunctive, it means: *some, a little, few, several*; if absolute, *a few, several*. Ex.:

*Mia dia alquanto danaro*, please, give me a little money.  
*Alquanti signori lo vedevano*, several gentlemen saw it.

Absolute:

*Alquanti erano venuti*, a few had come.  
*Alquante partirono*, several (ladies) departed.  
*Mi diede alquanta birra*, he gave me some beer.

#### Traduzione. 92.

Every people has its heroes, and every religion its gods. In this world every one must endeavour to fill (*occupare*) his place worthily. I go to my grandmother's every fortnight, and from time to time also to other relations. By (*Secondo*) the calendar winter begins on the 21<sup>st</sup> of December, but All-Saints-Day often is the beginning of the cold season. Espronceda entered (fr. *entrare in* . . .) the city of Lisbon without having (*Infin.*) there any friend, or any acquaintance. Has anybody been here? No, nobody was here. All my efforts have been useless. Have done with your stories! You know well that nobody believes you. Do you know any of these gentlemen? I know none of them. Have you any relations in Milan? Yes, I have many (of them). Is there anything better than the friendship of a virtuous man? Whoever has (*Cong.*) told you this tale, — he is a liar. You may be sure that he does not like (*voler bene*) you. However skilful he be, yet he will not be able to do that. We were all quite surprised. However amiable those ladies be, yet they have their faults. Each of these words has its signification. The wise man does not fear men, however mighty they may be. (The) men, however great or little they be, are well aware (from *sentire*) that they want one another. The count had given orders to receive everybody well, whoever he might be, during his absence. Regulus was (*rimanere*) firm, however great (*perquanto*) the promises were that the Carthaginians made him. The friends as well as the enemies of this man



were moved by his fate. Whatever I tell him, (yet) he does what he pleases (*volere*). Give me some more beer! His words pleased me so much, that I could not withstand his request. If he had as much experience in commerce as I, he would have abstained from such affairs. How odious this man is to me! (*transl.* How me is odious this man!)

### Reading Exercise. 93.

#### Le mie prigioni.

Capo 57.

Arrivammo al luogo della nostra destinazione il 10 d'Aprile.

La città di Brünn è capitale della Moravia, ed ivi risiede il governatore delle due province di Moravia e Silesia. È situata in una valle ridente, ed ha un certo aspetto di ricchezza. Molte manifatture di panni prosperavano (*where flourishing*) ivi allora, le quali poscia decaddero; la popolazione era di circa trentamila anime.

Accosto alle sue mura, a ponente, s'alza un monticello, e sovr'esso siede l'infausta rocca di Spielberg, altre volte<sup>1)</sup> reggia<sup>2)</sup> de' Signori<sup>3)</sup> di Moravia, oggi il più severo ergástolo<sup>4)</sup> della monarchia austriaca. Era cittadella assai forte, ma i Francesi la bombardarono e presero a' tempi della famosa battaglia d'Austerlitz (il villaggio d'Austerlitz è a poca distanza). Non fu più restaurata da<sup>5)</sup> poter servire di fortezza; ma si rifece<sup>6)</sup> una parte della cinta<sup>7)</sup>, ch'era diroccata. Circa trecento condannati, per lo più<sup>8)</sup> ladri ed assassini, sono ivi custoditi, quali<sup>9)</sup> a carcere duro, quali<sup>9)</sup> a durissimo.

Il carcere duro significa essere obbligati al lavoro, portare la catena a' piedi, dormire su nudi tavolacci<sup>10)</sup> e mangiare il più povero cibo. Il durissimo significa essere incatenati, con una cerchia<sup>11)</sup> di ferro intorno a fianchi, e la catena infitta nel muro. Il cibo è lo stesso, quantunque<sup>12)</sup> la legge dica: pane ed acqua.

1) Formerly. 2) residence. 3) princes. 4) prison, jail, dungeon. 5) in order to... 6) to rebuild. 7) wall, rampart. 8) the greater part, mostly. 9) some... some; some... the others. 10) a wooden couch. 11) ring. 12) in so far as.

#### Díálogo.

Come si chiama la capitale della Moravia?

Com' è situata la città?

Vi sono molte manifatture?

Quanti abitanti aveva la città di Brünn a' tempi di S. Pellico?

Dov'è lo Spielberg?

Che era altre volte quella fortezza?

Da chi fu bombardata quella cittadella?

In che anno si diede (*was fought*) quella battaglia?  
 Da chi fu vinta (*won*)?  
 Che gente si trovava allora allo Spielberg?  
 Che cosa vuol dire essere condannato al *carcere duro*?  
 Che significa *carcere durissimo*?  
 Quale osservazione grammaticale si può fare intorno alla voce „carcere“?

## Twelfth Lesson.

### Indefinite Pronouns continued.

1. *Altro, -a*, the other, another, is *absolute* as well as *conjunctive*, and refers equally to persons and things. When used *without* the article and in the Singular, it means *something else, a different thing*, as:

*Altro è criticare, altro scrivere.*

Criticising and writing are different things.

*E tutt'altro*, that is something quite different.

*Senz'altro* means: without further observation, *d'altronde* (obsolete), *per altro*, besides, *tutt'altro*, any other thing.\*)

*Noi* and *voi* sometimes precede the Plur. *altri, -e*, in order to express *difference* or *community* or *sex* or *nation*, as:

*Voi altri Inglesi*, ye English.

*Noi altre donne*, we that are ladies.

*Noi altri non andremo*, as for us, we shall not go.

(French: nous autres Français; vous autres femmes nous autres, nous n'irons pas.)

*Altri*, another, *absolute* and *without* the article, is *masculine*, and always *singular*:

*Se altri lo dicesse*, if another (gentleman, boy etc.) said so.

NB. 1. *Altri* is sometimes used with the signification of *one, people, they, many a man, etc.*

*Altri non vede*, many a man does not see.

2. *Altri* — *altri* often means *the one* — *the other*; as:

*Altri piange ed altri ride.*

The one cries, the other laughs.

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\*) In conversation Italians often employ the word *altro!* or *altrocchè!* which corresponds to English *of course!* to be sure!

2. *Altrui*, another one, other people, Singular and *absolute*, *without* the article and never in the nominative case (see Less. 26. I. P. page 112).

NB. The preposition *di* is often omitted before *altrui*. We can also say without any difference in meaning:

*Gli altrui difetti* or *I difetti d'altrui*.

The faults of others.

3. *L'uno e l'altro*, both, one and the other, are *absolute* and *conjunctive*, Singular and Plural, as:

*L'uno e l'altro lo disse*, both said so.

*Parlo dell'uno e dell'altro*, I speak of both.

*Dall'una e dall'altra parte*, from both sides.

4. *Entrambi* (*entrambo* is obsolete), both. This pronoun is only *masculine* and *absolute*, with the same signification as *l'uno e l'altro*, which latter, however, is more frequently used. Ex.:

*Un solo trono non ci può tener entrambi*.

One throne is not wide enough for both (liter.: can't keep us both).

5. *Ambe*, both, is only *feminine*, *conjunctive*, and requires the article after it, as:

*Ambe le sorelle*, both sisters.

*Ambe* is generally followed by *due*, as:

*Ambedue le lingue*, both languages.

*Note.* *Ambo*, Singular, means a double number in the lottery. *Ambo*, Plur., is used both with masculine and feminine substantives, as *ambo i fratelli*, both (the) brothers; *ambo le sorelle*, both (the) sisters. Yet, it must be noted that in modern Italian, *ambi*, Plur. masc., and its compounds: *ambidui*, *ambedue*, *ambedui*, *ambodue*, *amboduo*, *umbiduo*, *ambidue*, *amendue*, *amendune*, *amenduni* etc., are commonly replaced by *tutti e due*.

6. *L'un l'altro*, one another, mutually, are used in both genders and numbers and always *absolute*, as:

*Ci amiamo l'un l'altro* (fem. *l'una l'altra*).

We love another.

The pronouns *ci*, *vi*, *si* cannot be omitted in such expressions.

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Again:

1. **Tale** (*cotale*), such, such a one, is *absolute* as well as *conjunctive*, and employed with or without the *definite* and *indefinite* article, as:

*Tal libro*, such a book.

*Tali (tai) quadri*, such pictures.

*Un tale*, f. *una tale*, is more emphatic than *tale*, as:

*Un tale abito*, such a coat!

When used with the definite or indefinite article, with *questo* or *quello*, and followed by no substantive, it corresponds to the English *a certain*, *what's his name*, as:

*La signora tale*, Mrs. what's her name.

*Il tale mi disse*, a certain person told me.

*Un certo tale, un tale è qui*, a certain gentleman is there.

2. **Altrettale** (obsolete) means *the like*, *the equal*, *of the same kind*, is *absolute* and takes the article, as:

*I cotali sono già giudicati; gli altrettali aspettano la sentenza.*

These are judged already; their equals (those of the same stamp) await the sentence.

*Cotale* with the indefinite article is sometimes used *adverbially*, as:

*Un cotai pocolino sorridendo mi disse . . .*

Smiling almost imperceptibly he said to me.

3. **Taluno, certuno**, many a one, some one, a certain, etc., is generally *absolute*, without the article, and only used of persons, as:

*Taluno non vuol credere*, many a man will not believe.

4. **Parecchi**, fem. *parécchie*, many a . . ., several, divers, is used in the Plural only, *conjunctive* and *absolute*, and takes no article, as:

*Parecchi dicono*, several say so.

*Parecchi de' miei scolari.*

Some several, a few pupils of mine.

*Vi sono stato parecchie volte.*

I have been there several times.

**Remark.** *Many a . . .*, *most* (with the Plural following, as: *most men . . .*) cannot be literally translated, because the Italian language has no proper word for it, and must therefore be paraphrased. Thus: *many a peasant is poor*, is rendered either by:

*Più d'un contadino è povero*, more than one p. is poor, or:

*Molti contadini sono poveri*, many p. are poor, or:

*Parecchi contadini sono poveri*, several p. are poor.

*Many a man* is translated *taluno* or *parecchi* (with the verb in the Plural) or *tale* (French *tel*). Ex.:

*Taluno ride oggi che non riderà più domani.*

Many a man laughs to-day that will laugh no more to-morrow.

(*Tel rit aujourd'hui qui ne rira plus demain.*)

*Mostly* is translated *per lo più* (the obsolete article *lo* instead of *il*) or *la maggior parte* (the greater part). Ex.:

They were mostly robbers or murderers.

*Erano per lo più ladroni od assassini.* (S. Pell.)

*La maggior parte di queste signore . . .*

The majority of these ladies.

Phrases like: *I who . . .*, *he who . . .*, where a great stress is laid on the personal pronoun, always require *che* after the personal pronoun, whilst in English the relative pronoun may be omitted, as:

He, the greatest man of his age (he who was the greatest etc.).

*Egli, che fu il più grand'uomo de'suoi tempi.*

Finally, the learner ought to note the following Italianisms:

*Quanto c'è da Londra a Parigi?*

How far is it from London to Paris?

*Vi ho cercato per ogni dove.*

I have looked for you everywhere.

*Non può gettar la colpa su nessuno.*

He cannot lay it to anybody's charge.

*Non vuol far altro che mangiare.*

He will do nothing else but eat.

*Vi darò un tanto al mese.*

I shall give you so much a month.

*Di qual professione sei?* what is your profession?

*Quanto è bello questo giardino!*

How beautiful this garden is!

*In tal guisa (modo),* in this way.

*A tal fine,* for that purpose.

*A (tal) segno che,* so that . . .

*Tant'è,* briefly then . . .

*Un tantino,* a trifle, a little bit.

*Quanto prima,* soon, as soon as possible.

## Traduzione. 94.

You Frenchmen will always laugh at (*burlarsi di*) (the) other nations. Tell me, Sir, how far is it from Venice to Verona? Four hours by rail. Many a mother has lost her child. Many people think (*credere*) they have (*Inf.*) nothing else to (*da*) do than to enjoy themselves. From time to time one likes (*piace*) to read [some] poems. When shall you come back? I hope to come back soon. I will have nothing to (*da*) do with others, and besides, my time does not allow me to accept (*ricevere*) visits. Jesus Christ said: «Ye shall love (*Imperative*) one another». Both were excellent generals; only (*ma*) the one was more fortunate than the other. Most men will (i. e. wish to) reap without sowing (*Infinit.\**). It is mostly (*a*) mere fancy, if one thinks a loss irreparable (*transl.* that a loss be irrep.). Many a man sees and yet (*ma*) wishes not to believe. (The) Count So and so has spoken with the Marchioness So and so. I that have always done my duty, am neglected and despised by you. In this (*tale*) way you will never succeed. Never tell others (*dat.*) thy most secret thoughts. Briefly then (*Tant'è*), I won't! A certain gentleman has inquired after you. Many a man who would (*volendo*) deceive others, is deceived (*restare ingannato*) himself. I should not believe it, if another had said (so) it.

## Reading Exercise. 95.

## Continuazione del capo 57.

Salendo<sup>1)</sup> per l'erta di quel monticello, volgevamo gli occhi addietro per dire addio al mondo, incerti se<sup>2)</sup> il bá-ratro<sup>3)</sup> che vivi c'ingoiava, si sarebbe mai più schiuso per noi. Io era pacato<sup>4)</sup> esteriormente, ma dentro di me<sup>5)</sup> ruggiva<sup>6)</sup>. Indarno<sup>7)</sup> volea ricorrere alla filosofia per acquetarmi; la filosofia non aveva ragioni sufficienti per me.

Partito da Venezia in cattiva salute, il viaggio m'aveva stancato<sup>8)</sup> miseramente. La testa e tutto il corpo mi dolavano; ardea<sup>9)</sup> dalla febbre. Il male fisico contribuiva per tenermi iracondo<sup>10)</sup>, e probabilmente l'ira aggravava il male fisico.

1) Walking up. 2) whether. 3) the abyss. 4) calm. 5) within, in my heart. 6) *ruggire*, to roar with rage. 7) in vain. 8) fatigued. 9) *ardere*, to glow. 10) *tener iracondo qdn.*, to keep one in a state of rage.

\* For the English *pres. part.*, when governed by a preposition, the *Infinitive Mood* is always used in Italian.

Fummo consegnati al soprintendente dello Spielberg, ed i nostri nomi vennero<sup>11)</sup> da questo iscritti. Il commissario imperiale ripartendo ci abbracciò ed era intenerito: — Raccomando a Lor Signori particolarmente la docilità, diss'egli; la minima infrazione alla disciplina può venir punita dal signor soprintendente con pene severe.

Fatta la consegna, Maroncelli ed io fummo condotti in un corridoio sotterraneo, dove ci s'apersero due stanze non contigue (*separate*). Ciascuno di noi fu chiuso nel suo covile<sup>12)</sup>.

11) *vennero*, were (see on the Pass. voice, p. 114, *Note*).  
12) *den*.

#### DIALOGO.

Quale era lo stato di salute di Silvio Pellico, quando partì da Venezia?

Che fecero i prigionieri mentre salivano pel monticello?

Di che dubitavano?

Era tranquillo S. Pellico?

Poteva acquetarsi con ragionamenti filosofici?

A chi furono consegnati i prigionieri?

Allorchè partì il commissario imperiale, che cosa disse loro?

Perchè raccomandò loro specialmente la docilità?

Dove furono condotti poi?

Restarono essi insieme?

## Thirteenth Lesson.

### Adverbs. Negation.

We hinted that in Italian *adjectives* are often employed instead of *adverbs*. Such is the case in a great many expressions, as:

*Andar (Scrivere) diritto*, to walk (to write) straight on.

*Aver caro*, to like.

*Costare caro*, to be dear (of price).

*Cantar falso*, to sing false.

*Volar basso*, to fly low.

*Contar giusto*, to count rightly.

*Guardar fisso (fiso)*, to look at . . . fixedly.

*Parlar forte*, to speak loudly.

*Parlar piano*, to speak in a low voice.

*Veder chiaro*, to see clear.

*Tener alto*, to esteem, to keep in high esteem.

*Observation.* In Italian as in English there are a great number of adverbial expressions (*locuzioni avverbiali*), formed by the prepositions *di, a, da, fra, per* with substantives and adjectives. We here add some of those most in use:

*Fuor di misura* } beyond measure, extremely.  
*Oltre misura* }

*A buon mercato*, cheap.

*Da capo*, from the beginning, once more.

*Di nascosto*, secretly.

*A bocca*, by word of mouth.

*Per* or *Di solito*, usually.

*Da senno*, in earnest.

*Per celia* or *per ischerzo*, in fun.

*Credere di sì, di no*, to think so, not to think so etc.

In Italian we sometimes use the adjective instead of the *adverb*, if the idea expressed by the latter refers to the *substantive* rather than to the verb, as:

*Ha pagata cara la sua villania.*

He has dearly paid for his rude behaviour.

*Andammo tranquilli a casa.*

We went home quietly.

The *highest degree possible* is expressed by the Superlative *without* the article, as:

*Quanto più presto potrò*, as soon as I shall be able.

*Più celatamente che potevano*, as secretly as they could.

## Negation.

1. The negative particle not is rendered by *non* and precedes the verb:

*Non voglio*, I will not.

2. The negation is emphasized by the addition of the words *punto*, at all; *nulla* or *niente*, nothing; *neppure*, not even, nor either; *già*, scarcely, and *mica*, not, which latter, though very frequently occurring in familiar conversation, especially in Northern Italy, is seldom used in writing. Each of the words here enumerated takes its place after the verb, which should always be preceded by *non*, as:

*Non credo questa nuova*, I don't believe this news.

*Non lo credo punto*, I don't at all believe it.

*Non lo crederò mai*, I shall never believe it.

*Non è mica una beffa*, it is no mockery at all.

*Non l'ho neppure veduto*, I have not even seen him.



3. The simple particles *si* and *no* are sometimes rendered more emphatic by the addition of *ma* and *mai* (the French *mais*), as:

*Ma si*, oh yes! *Mai no*, oh no!

4. The verbs *negare*, to deny, *temere*, to fear, *dubitare*, to doubt, have, as in English, the negation *non* in the second part of the clause only, when this is negative; therefore not as in French where *ne* is used, even when the second part of the clause is negative\*), as:

*Non nego ch'egli mi abbia avvertito.*

I do not deny, that he has informed me.

*Temo che venga*, I am afraid he will come.

*Temo che non venga*, I am afraid he will not come.

*Non dubito che vinca la lite.*

I do not doubt that he will win the lawsuit.

*NB.* *Non dubitare* often corresponds to the English to be without fear, as: *non dubiti, Signore*, never fear, Sir! never mind, Sir!

5. The double negation *nè* — *nè*, neither — nor, requires *non* before the verb, as:

*Non voglio bere nè vino nè birra.*

I will drink neither wine nor beer.

Nor — either is generally translated *neanche*, as:

☐ Nor I either, *neanch'io*. (Also: *neppure io*, *nemmèno io*.)

Contrary to English construction, *non* may be used:

1. After the comparative of *augmentation* or *diminution* (see II. P., Less. 9, p. 259, 4) in the *second* part of the sentence, if there is no negation in the *first*, as:

He is richer than I thought.

*Egli è più ricco ch'io non pensava.*

2. If, on the contrary, the first part of the comparison is negative, no negation is required in the second, as:

*Egli non è più ricco ch'io pensava.*

He is not richer than I thought.

(Or *di quel che io pensava*, which would be quite as correct.)

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\*) But now and then we find such sentences as:

*Non nego ch'egli non mi abbia avvertito.*

On *più*, *meno*, and *assai*.

These adverbs are also used as *adjectives* with nouns, as:

*Più uomini*; *meno donne*, more men; less women.

*Assai cavalli*, many horses.

Preceded by the article, *più* and *meno* become a kind of *Superlative*, and the English nominative is then rendered by the *genitive* case, as:

*Il più degli uomini*, most men.

*Assai* now means *very* (and not *enough* like the French «assez»). When used with a noun which is preceded by an *adjective* it means *many* and should be followed by *di*, as:

*Assai di buone ragioni*, many good reasons.

Without *di* means *very*, as:

*Delle ragioni assai buone*, very good reasons.

## Observations.

1. *Già* is also used as an adjective and means *ancient*, as:

*Il già palazzo del Doge*. (S. Pell.)

The ancient palace of the Doge.

(*Poi*, too, is sometimes used adjectively with the signification „the following, the latter“ etc.)

2. *Peggio* and *meglio* are sometimes real substantives, implying an *abstract* idea of good or bad, as:

*Non cambierò il meglio per il peggio*.

I shall not change the better for the worse.

## Traduzione. 96.

Speak frankly with me, if you wish me (*Conj.* 1. pers.) to give you (an) advice. I cannot exactly (*precisamente*) say that he is (*Conj.*) a swindler, but I have reasons (*motivo*) to fear that he cheats me. We do not deny that he has (*Cong.*) done us many favours, we only deny that he has a right to demand this sum. Such as cannot write straight, make use of lined paper (*una falsariga*). I do not wish bottled wine, I wish a light home-grown wine (wine of the country) which does not cost much. Why do you speak in a low voice? If you wish others to understand what you say, you must speak louder. I cannot sing so low, I should spoil my voice. Your brother offered (*refl.*) to sell me his books cheap, but I told

him, no', because I know that he will be selling them secretly. Every cultivated nation seeks to keep its name in high esteem. If you have rightly counted the money, you will have found that two shillings are missing. The foreigner at first looked fixedly at me, then he shook hands with me (*transl.*: he gave me the hand). Do you believe what he told you? Oh no, Sir, I do not believe it at all. Have you broken my watch? Not I. He answered my letter promptly. We are afraid, it will rain to-morrow, and we shall not be able (*potere*) to make our excursion. I shall give food (*tr.* to [*da*] eat) and drink (to [*da*] drink), but no money. You are cleverer than I thought. When we saw the thunderstorm approaching, we quickly returned home. Play this march once more! The king usually takes a walk at three o'clock. Many a word spoken in fun has caused great mischief.

### Reading Exercise. 97.

#### Il Miracolo delle noci.

... Oh! dovete dunque sapere che, in quel convento, c'era un nostro padre, il quale era un santo, e si chiamava il padre Macario. Un giorno d'inverno, passando per una viottola<sup>1)</sup>, in un campo d'un nostro benefattore, uomo dabene anche lui, il padre Macario vide questo benefattore, vicino a un suo gran noce; e quattro contadini, con le zappe<sup>2)</sup> in aria che principiavano a scalzar la pianta<sup>3)</sup>, per metterle le radici al sole. — Che fate voi a quella povera pianta<sup>4)</sup>? domandò il padre Macario. — Eh padre, son anni ed anni che la non mi vuole far noci, ed io ne faccio legna. — Lasciatela stare, disse il padre, sappiate che quest'anno la farà più noci che foglie. Il benefattore che sapeva chi era colui che aveva detta quella parola, ordinò subito ai lavoratori, che gettassero di nuovo la terra sulle radici e chiamato il padre che continuava la sua strada — padre Macario, gli disse, la metà della raccolta sarà per il convento. Si sparse la voce della predizione, e tutti correvano a guardare il noce. In fatti a primavera, fiori a bizzeffe<sup>5)</sup> e, a suo tempo, noci a bizzeffe. Il buon benefattore non ebbe la consolazione di bacchiarle<sup>6)</sup>; perchè andò, prima della raccolta a ricevere il premio della sua carità. Ma il miracolo fu tanto più grande, come sentirete.

- 1) Lane. 2) pick-axe. 3) to uncover the tree. 4) tree.  
5) in abundance. 6) shake.

#### Diálogo.

Chi viveva una volta in un convento?  
Che cosa vide un giorno?

Che cosa faceva fare il benefattore?  
 Che disse il padre Macario?  
 Che rispose il benefattore?  
 Che predisse il padre?  
 E allora che fece il benefattore e che promise al convento?  
 Si avverò la predizione?  
 Ma che avvenne frattanto del benefattore?

## Fourteenth Lesson.

### Prepositions.

In Less. 32, I. Part, we saw that a very limited number of Italian prepositions simply govern the accusative case, and that by far the greater part require another preposition after them. Over and above the true prepositions, there are a good many *prepositional locutions*, i. e. adverbs used with *di*, *a*, and *da*, or *adjectives* and *participles* used as prepositions. We now subjoin an alphabetical list of all these words with the prepositions governed by them. They are:

*A* } at, in, etc. See Less. 4, II. P.  
*ad* }

*accanto a* near. — *Accanto al muro*, near the wall.

*allato a* beside. — *Sedevo allato a lui*, I sat beside him.

*anzi* (obsolete), before. — *Anzi la festa*, before the feast.

*Anzi* is very seldom used as a preposition; *avanti*, *innanzi*, and *dinanzi* are preferred.

*appo*, near, in the eyes of (biblical style obsolete). — *appo Dio e appo gli uomini* before God and men.

*appresso*, see *presso*.

*avanti*, before, occurs with *di* and also with *a*. — *Avanti di me*, before me; *avanti alla casa*, before the house.

*Circa*, towards, about, concerning, governs the *acc.* — *Circa la faccenda*, concerning the matter. Seldom with *a*, as: *circa alla sua condotta*, as to (concerning) his behaviour.

*contro* (*contra*), against. — *Contro la verità*, against truth. — Before person, pronouns also with *di*, as: *contro di me*, against me, and seldom with *a*, as: *contro al destino*, against fate. NB. *Contra* is less in use than *contro*.

*Da*, from, at, by, since. See Less. 4, II. P.

*dattorno* (*d'attorno*), near, in the neighbourhood, takes *di* and

- a*, as: *dattorno al (del) mio paese*, in the neighbourhood of my village. *Lévamiti d'attorno!* Let me alone!
- davanti*, before, governs the *acc.* and besides *di*, *a*, and (rarely) *da*, as: *davanti il, del, al* (seldom *dal*) *giúdice*, before the justice (*davante* is obsolete).
- dentro*, in, within, usually with the *accus.*, but also with *di* (before person. pron.) and *a*, as: *dentro di me*, within me (my heart); *dentro al (il) mio cuore*.
- di*, of; see Less. 4, II. P.
- dietro*, behind, usually with *a*, as: *dietro alla casa*, behind the house; seldom with the *acc.* or with *di* (with pers. pron.): *dietro di me*, behind me.
- dinanzi*, before; usually with *a*, as: *dinanzi al re*, before the king. Sometimes with the *acc.* Frequently this word denotes *preference*, as: *lo amò dinanzi agli* (better: *più degli*) *altri suoi figli*, he loved him better than his other children.
- dopo*, after, behind. — Usually with the *acc.*, as: *dopo il re*, after (behind) the king; also with *di* (pers. pron.), as: *dopo di Lei*, after you; *dopo lei*, after her. With *a* it signifies *place*, as: *dopo al re venivano i cortigiani*, after (behind) the king came the courtiers. This distinction is not necessary; *dopo il re venivano i cortigiani* would be quite as well.
- Entro*, in, within: sometimes with *a*, as: *entro a due mesi*, within two months; better: *entro due mesi*.
- Fino* (also *sino* and joined with *in* = *infino*, *insino*; with *per* *perfino*, *persino*, even), means *till*, *until*, and governs *a*, as: *fino alla città*, as far as the town. — With *da* it signifies *from*, as: *fin da quel tempo*, from that time. When used as an *adverb*, this word means *even*, as: *l'ho fino* (or *perfino*) *accolto in casa mia*, I have even received him in my house. — *Fino* with the *accus.* is very rare.
- fra* (*infra*), between; among. — Usually with the *accus.*, as: *fra la casa ed il giardino*, between the house and the garden. With *di* before person. pron., as: *dissero fra di loro*, they said to each other. *Tra* is only another form of *fra*.
- fuori* (seld. *fuora*, and obsol. *fuore*), out of, outside. — Usually with *di*, as: *fuori d'uso*, out of use. (*Fuori* is an exclamation frequently heard at the theatre, if an actor or singer is «encored».)
- Giusta*, conformably, agreeably (*giusto* is obsolete), only with the *accus.*, as: *giusta la prescrizione*, in conformity with (conformably to) the prescription.

*In*, *in*. Only with the *accus.* (see Less. 4, I. P.). *In* is frequently coupled with *su* and in this case signifies *on*, *upon*, or *towards*, as: *in sulla tavola*, on (upon) the table; *in sulla sera*, towards the evening. With *da* it means *till*, *up to*, as: *da trenta in quaranta franchi*, 30—40 francs; *da tre lire in su* from three francs upwards.

*incontro* (*incontra*), against, contrary to; opposite; as: *incontro al suo volere*, contrary to his desire; *incontro al palazzo*, opposite (to) the palace (better: *contro al suo volere*, *contro al palazzo*). — *Andare incontro a . . .* means: to go to meet somebody.

*infra*, see *fra*.

*innanzi*, before (of time), usually with the *accus.* (*a* not excluded). Ex.: *innanzi (a) quel tempo*, before that time. In all other significations it takes *a*, as: *l'amo innanzi ad ogni altro*, I love him more than any other.

*intra*, see *tra*.

*Lungo*, along, governs only the *acc.*, as: *lungo (a lungo) la spiaggia*, along the shore.

*Oltre* (antiqu. *oltra*), above, besides, usually with *a* and also with the *accus.*, as: *oltre a due mesi*, more (longer) than two months; *oltre le sue forze*, above his strength. — Seldom with *di*, as: *oltre di ciò*, besides that. (*Oltre a ciò* is usually contracted: *oltracciò*\*).

*Per* for, though, governs only the *acc.* (see Less. 4, I. P.). *presso*, near, governs the *accus.*, as: *presso la chiesa*, near the church. — Frequently also with *a*, as: *pressa alla città*, near the town. — Seldom with *di* (bef. pers. pron.), as: *presso di me*, near me. When meaning *about*, it requires *a*, as: *presso a 12000*, about 12000. *Appresso*, adverb, sometimes signifies *after*, as: *appresso la cena*, after supper. — *A un di presso* is an Italianism and means *thereabout*, *near*, *almost*.

*Secondo*, conformably, according to, governs only the *accus.*, as: *secondo la stagione*, conformably to the season.

*senza*, without, usually with the *accus.*, alone as: *senza danaro*, without money. With pers. pron. it takes *di*, as: *senza di te*, without thee.

*sopra* (*sovra*), on, upon, above, governs the *accus.*; rarely with *di* and sometimes with *a* especially with personal pronouns; as: *scagliarsi sopra il nemico*, to rush upon

\*) As we already hinted, the first consonant of the *second* component of contracted prepositions, adverbs, etc. is usually doubled, thus: *oltre a ciò*, contr. *oltracciò*.

the enemy; *sopra del tetto*, upon the roof; *sopra di me*, above me; *sopra al monte*, on the mountain.

*sotto*, under, beneath, usually with the *acc.*: *sotto la tavola*, under the table. Before pers. pron. also with *di*: *guardate sotto di voi*, look beneath you. Sometimes with *a*, as: *sotto al tavolo*.

*su* (rarely *sur*), on, upon. — Usually with the *acc.* Before pers. pron. also with *di*, as: *su di me*, upon me. (*Su* with *in* see *in*.)

*Tra*, see *fra*.

*Verso*, towards, with the *acc.* — Before pers. pron. also with *di*, as: *verso di me* (or *verso me*) towards me.

*Note.* *Adjectives* and *Participles* used as Prepositions *all* govern the *accus.* Such are: *durante* during; *eccetto*, except; *mediante*, by means of; *nonostante*, notwithstanding; *rasente*, along, and *salvo*, except (the French *sauf*), as: *durante l'inverno*, during the winter, *rasente il muro*, along the wall etc.

In order to assist the pupil in correctly translating the English prepositions most in use, we subjoin an alphabetical list of them with their respective translation:

*At*, usually *a*: at dinner, *a pranzo*; at school, *a scuola*; at six o'clock, *alle sei*; at Turin, *a Torino*.

*By*, with the Passive voice, is translated *da*, as: by my father, *da mio padre*. By night, *di notte*. By God, *per Dio*. Word by word, *parola per parola*. By, meaning near is *presso*: by the bridge, *presso il (vicino al) ponte*. By land or water, *per mare e per terra*. Denoting a means, it is usually *con*, as: by force, *con forza*; by practice, *con esercizio*.

*In*, when speaking of a town, is usually *a*: in Paris, *a Parigi*; in London, *a Londra*. When speaking of a country it is always *in*, as in English. Ex.: in Spain, *in Ispagna*.

*Into* is *in*, as: Put it into your pocket, *mettételo in tasca*.

*On*, when meaning upon, is *su*, as: on the table, *sulla tavola*; when meaning close to, it is likewise *su*, as: Frankfort on the Maine, *Francoforte sul Meno*. Denoting time it is usually suppressed, as: on Monday, *Lunedì*; on Tuesday, *Martedì*. On which day? *Qual giorno?* Other phrases are: Go on! *avanti!* On my arrival, *al mio arrivo*. On horseback, *a cavallo*. On foot, *a piedi*. On that condition, *con (a) questa condizione*.

*To*, when denoting a direction to a town, is *a*, to a country *in*, as: I am going to Paris, *vado a Parigi*. We

are going to London, *andiamo a Londra*. I am going to Spain, to America, *vado in Ispagna, in America*. To a person's house is *da*, as: I am going to my aunt's, *vado da mia zia*. I was at your house, *io fui da voi* (also *a casa vostra*). *Da*, however, cannot be employed when the dwelling-place of the *speaker* is meant; it would be incorrect to say: *io fui da me*, I was at home; it should be: *a casa mia*.

With is usually *con*, as: he came with me, *egli venne con me*. Frequently it is translated *di*, especially after verbs and adjectives, as: satisfied with a little bread, *contento d'un poco di pane*. Filled with gold and silver, *pieno d'oro e d'argento*. To begin with, *cominciare con*. With me, with thee, with him, *meco, teco, seco* (Latin *mecum, tecum, etc.*). In Poetry also: *nosco, vosco* for: *con noi, con voi*.

#### Traduzione. 98.

I am writing to my brother. I am at my brother's. Are you going to the milliner's? We are going to meet our mother who is coming back from [her] walk. Do you recollect (*di*) the promises you gave (made) me? I have been four years in Frankfort on the Maine. At the ball I found a gentleman whose acquaintance I had made in Rome. We are dressed according to the season. Amongst (*presso*) the Turks one may find very singular customs. We arrived in Venice by night. We do not fight against truth and right, but against wrong and calumny. By four o'clock in the afternoon, about (*all'incirca*) two hundred persons had arrived. The English poet Chatterton died in the prime of this age (*in verde età*). What will you do with so many books? Are you not satisfied with those you have? He began to sing an opera-tune in (*a*) loud voice. (In) this year we shall set out for America. How much have I to pay for these flowers? At your pleasure (*a piacere*). He said that he should get the situation by and by (*presto o tardi*). This day week (*oggi a otto*) we shall have Easter. He sent one messenger after another. For God's sake (*per l'amore di Dio*), stand out of the way! The books lay all pellmell (*alla rinfusa*) on the sofa. From the 12th of July we shall live (*saremo*) in the country. He was beside himself with joy. He has offended even his friends by his thoughtless words. This gentleman is said to dispose of (*transl.*: according to what one says, this g. disposes of) considerable funds. Hoping that you will be satisfied with my consignment, and will soon favour me with (*di*) new commissions, I remain Yours most respectfully (*transl.*: I am with all respect your most humble . . .).



### Reading Exercise. 99.

#### Continuazione del Miracolo delle noci.

Quel brav'uomo aveva lasciata un figliuolo di stampa<sup>1)</sup> ben diversa. Or dunque, alla raccolta, il cercatore andò per riscuotere la metà<sup>2)</sup> che era dovuta al convento; ma colui se ne fece nuovo<sup>3)</sup> affatto ed ebbe la temerità di rispondere che non aveva mai sentito dire che i cappuccini sapessero far noci. Sapete ora cosa avvenne? Un giorno, (sentite questa) lo scapestrato<sup>4)</sup> aveva invitato alcuni suoi amici dello stesso pelo, e gozzovigliando<sup>5)</sup> raccontava la storia del noce e rideva dei frati. Que' giovinastri ebber voglia d'andar a vedere quello sterminato mucchio<sup>6)</sup> di noci, e lui li mena su in granaio<sup>7)</sup>. Ma sentite: apre l'uscio, va verso il cantuccio<sup>8)</sup> dove era stato riposto<sup>9)</sup> il gran mucchio, e mentre dice: guardate, guarda egli stesso e vede . . . che cosa? Un bel mucchio di foglie secche di noce. Fu un esempio questo? E il convento, invece di scapitare<sup>10)</sup> ci guadagnò; perchè, dopo un così gran fatto, la cerca delle noci rendeva tanto, tanto, che un benefattore, mosso a compassione del povero cercatore, fece al convento la carità<sup>11)</sup> d'un asino, che aiutasse a portare le noci a casa. E si faceva tant'olio, che ogni povero veniva a prenderne, secondo il suo bisogno; perchè noi siamo come il mare, che riceve acqua da tutte le parti e la torna<sup>12)</sup> a distribuire a tutti i fiumi.

1) Stamp, character. 2) half. 3) to feign, to ignore. 4) rascal. 5) to feast. 6) heap. 7) grain-elevator. 8) corner. 9) to put. 10) to lose credit. 11) to make a present. 12) again.

#### Diálogo.

Che figliuolo aveva lasciata quel brav'uomo?  
Come si comportò egli e che disse al frate cercatore?  
Lo scapestrato chi aveva invitato un giorno?  
Che faceva e che raccontava?  
Che cosa desiderarono vedere quei giovinastri?  
E alla fine che cosa videro tutti?  
Ne derivò danno o guadagno al convento?  
Che cosa donò un benefattore al convento e perchè?  
Come sono i conventi al dire di fra Galdino?

## Fifteenth Lesson.

### Conjunctions.

The most important observations on this part of speech have been made in the First Part, Lesson 33.

We now add some peculiarities in the use of the conjunctions:

**Che** governs the following verb in the Subjunctive Mood:

a) If the first part of the sentence expresses something *uncertain* or *doubtful*, thus after all words implying *fear, fancy, belief, hope, command, prohibition, doubt, prayer*, etc., as:

*Dubito ch'egli dica la verità.*

I doubt whether he speaks the truth.

*Dicono che la guerra sia dichiarata.*

They say that war is declared.

*Voglio che vi andiate,* I wish you to go there.

b) In expressions implying a *desire* or *threat*, where in English the conjunction is usually omitted, as:

*Desidero che Dio ti benedica,* May God bless you!

*Non voglio ch'egli sia introdotto.*

I will not have him introduced.

(*Che*, like *se*, is sometimes omitted, as: *dubitai, fosse effetto d'un nobile perturbamento*, I thought [doubted whether] it was the effect of some noble emotion.)

c) On the contrary, *che* governs the Indicative Mood, if something is represented as beyond all doubt, as:

*So ch'egli non era a casa.*

I know that he was not at home.

*Ho letto che la guerra è dichiarata.*

I have read that war is declared.

*Vedremo ch'egli è innocente.*

We shall see that he is innocent.

d) Such is also the case when a *future action* is expressed, as:

*Sono persuaso ch'egli non lo farà.*

I am sure that he will not do it.

As already observed (First Part, Less. 33), Italian conjunctions are mostly *compounds* of *che* with other words. It therefore frequently occurs, especially in poetry, that the simple conjunction *che* is used instead of its compound, as:

*Che non rispondi?* Why (*perchè*) do you not answer?

*Chè 'l ciel gli diè favor.* (*Tasso*.)

Because (*perchè*) heaven gave him grace.

*Rallentate il passo che vi possa seguire.*

Slacken your pace so that (*affinchè*) I may be able to follow you.

e) Frequently *che* (with the *Indicat.*) occurs in sentences, where this conjunction unites two *principal* sentences, the second of which expresses a *consequence* of the first, as:

*Domandami francamente, ch'io ti risponderò.*

Ask me freely, and I shall answer you.

f) Very often *che* is met with after a *substantive* denoting *time*, where the English idiom requires *that* or *when*, or where the conjunction is *omitted*, as:

*Il primo giorno che uscì.*

The first day (that, when) he went out.

g) *Che* is idiomatically used immediately after a *participle*, which then agrees in gender and number with its complement following or understood, as:

*Detta che ebbe la parola, no sooner had he said the word.*

*Trovata che l'avremo. (Bocc.)*

As soon as we shall have found it (*viz.: la pietra*, the stone).

Here *che* with the Participle is used instead of an *adverb* of time or manner such as: *tosto che*, *subito che*, *appena che*, etc. (See Less. 23, II. P. On the Participle.)

1. Combined with *non* («*non che*») this conjunction forms Italianisms, which must be paraphrased with *far from*, *let alone*, *to say nothing of*, *not to mention that*, *much less* etc.

*Non gli era stato detto cosa che potesse indurre augurio, non che sospetto di sciagura. (M.)*

He had been told nothing that could seem a foreboding, let alone an anticipation of misfortune.

*Non che pensare a trasgredire una tal legge, si pentiva anche dell'aver ciarlato. (M.)*

Far from thinking of disobeying a similar order, he even repented that he had spoken (of the matter).

2. *Perchè* is interrogative as well as affirmative. In the former signification it signifies *why?*\*)

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\*) The English *why*, when used as an *Interjection*, f. ex.: *why!* you do not mean to say so? is either suppressed or

in the latter because or for. If the question be direct, *perchè*, of course, governs the Indicative Mood. Ex.:

*Perchè avete scritto così male?*

Why have you written so badly?

*Perchè non aveva tempo*, because I had no time.

If, however, the *principal* sentence expresses a *doubt* or an *uncertainty*, *perchè*, in the *accessory* sentence, governs the Subjunctive mood, as:

*Non so, perchè abbia detto ciò.*

I don't know why he has said so.

If *perchè* expresses the *reason* of anything, it is translated *because*, *for*, *wherefore*, *as*, etc. Ex.:

*Non posso venire, perchè non ho tempo.*

I cannot come, for I have no time.

*Aprite la finestra, perchè fa troppo caldo nella stanza.*

Open the window, for it is too hot in the room.

Finally, *perchè* is rendered by *to* with the *Infinitive*. In such a case *perchè* governs the Subjunctive Mood, as:

*Quest'uomo è troppo onesto, perchè abbia potuto commettere una tale azione.*

This man is too honest to have committed such an action.

*Un abito fatto perchè duri a lungo.*

A coat made to last long.

3. The difference between *poichè* (French *puisque*) and *perchè* is, that *poichè* represents the reason as *already known*. It therefore governs the Indicative, as:

*Poichè questo è accaduto, non posso partire.*

As this (thing, circumstance etc.) has happened, I cannot depart.

4. *Come* or *siccome*, over and above its original idea of *comparison*, occasionally expresses a *reason*, in which case it is translated *as*, *since*, or *because*, as:

*Come (Siccome) era stanchissimo, mi coricai alle 8.*

As (since) I was very tired, I went to bed at 8 o'clock.

5. *Se*, if, expresses *condition* and governs the *Present*, if a *Present* or *Future tense* follows in the *accessory* sentence, as:

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rendered by *pure*, now and then by *come*, as: *Non vorrà pur dire che la sia così? Come? Ella si sente male? Why, you don't feel well?*

*Se infra otto giorni non vi guarisco, fatemi bruciare.*  
 If within a week I do not cure you, you may have me  
 burnt. (Bocc.)

### Note.

*Non* — *se non* means nothing — but, as:

*Non vidi se non fiamme*, I saw nothing but flames.

*Se non che* means: what a pity that . . ., as:

*Luci beate e liete, se non ch'el veder voi stesse v'è tolto!*  
 Your happy and joyful eyes! What a pity that you  
 cannot see yourselves! (Petr.)

*Se* often means whether, as:

*Non so se sia innocente o colpevole quest'uomo.*

I don't know whether this man is innocent or guilty.

(The Subjunctive mood is used, because the innocence or guilt of the man is doubtful.)

6. *Quando*, denoting time, is the English when, and should not be mistaken for *quanto*, how much, as:

*Quando è arrivato il generale?*

When did the general arrive?

*Perchè non vieni, quando ti chiamo?*

Why don't you come when I call you?

*Note.* *Allorchè* denotes the time more exactly than *quando*, as: *allorchè era ammalato*, when (at the very time) I was ill.

*Quando* — *quando* means now — now, as:

*Quando con trombe e quando con campane.*

Now with trumpets and now with bells (chime).

*Note.* *Di quando in quando* means from time to time.\*)

*Quantunque* means though, although, with the Conjunctive following, although the Indicative is not excluded, as:

*Quantunque non mi abbia risposto.*

Though he has not answered me.

Whereas:

*Quantunque il re Agramante non abbonda di capitani.*

Although king A. has not an abundance of generals.

*Quantunque* is very seldom an adjective, but only

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\*) The expression *quando che* is quite out of use now. In its stead *qualora* or simply *quando* must be used.

in the *Plur. femin.* and in this case means *how many times, how often* etc., as:

*Quantunque volte meco pensai!*  
How many times did I think . . .

7. *Mentre* (*mentre che*), whilst, denotes *time*, as:

*Mentre (ch')egli era in Ispagna.*  
Whilst he was in Spain.

If the accessory idea of *comparison* between two objects or *actions* is added to the primitive idea of contemporaneity, *intanto che* is preferable to *mentre*, as:

*Intanto che egli era in Ispagna, suo fratello percorreva la Svizzera.*

Whilst he was in Spain, his brother wandered about in Switzerland.

*Note.* *Mentre* is sometimes a *substantive* and should be rendered by *meanwhile*, as:

*In questo mentre mi fu detto.*  
Meanwhile I heard (they told me).

8. *Dunque*, thus therefore, consequently, so, refers to something preceding, as:

*Dunque non c'è da sperare pace?*  
So (thus) we cannot hope for peace?

*Note.* In this case *dunque* always begins the phrase. When placed *after* the verb, it means: but, or is omitted, as: *va dunque fuor dei piedi!* go along! begone once for all! (This construction is very frequent.)

9. *Però*, yet, however, is better placed after the verb than before it, as:

*Mi fece molte promesse, vorrei però che mi desse una prova sicura delle sue intenzioni. (Cantù.)*

He gave (made) me great promises, yet I wish he gave (would give) me a sure proof of his intentions.

*Note.* *Però* (*epperò*), sometimes replaces *perciò*, therefore, as:

*Ogni cosa perduta si può recuperare, ma la vita no; però (= perciò) ciascuno deve . . .*

Everything may be recovered, except life; therefore every one should . . .

Very seldom *perciò*, like *però*, means *however, yet* etc.

10. *Pure*, which is often pleonastically employed, means but, as:

*Vada pure*, but go! Please begone!

*È pur troppo vero*, it is but too true.

Rarely *pure* means likewise or also, as:

*Questo pure è vero*, that is likewise (also) true.

*Tuo cognato pure vi era*, your brother-in-law was there too.

From *pure* is formed *eppure*, and yet, for ex.: *eppure si move* (la terra)! and yet it moves (the earth)! (Galilei.)

#### Traduzione. 100.

I wish that you would go with me. What do they speak about (*di che cosa*) in town? They say that (the) peace has been concluded in Paris. I do not doubt one instant that each of his words is the strictest truth. Scarcely had I received this news, when I at once departed. Although Socrates had not committed any crime, yet he was condemned to death. Seek the book, and when you have found it (comp. 1, *g*), bring it me! We have willingly given him the sum he requested [from] us; yet on (*a*) condition that he should pay it back within three months. I have twice extricated him from difficulty, and yet he has the impudence to say that I have never done him any service. Why do you not take part in this enterprise? Because I know from (*per*) experience that such business does not succeed well. One must often punish children, in order that they may improve. I am fully convinced that your plan will succeed. I shall not even answer him, much less send him the money. As you do not want to speak, I can also not give you any advice. (Do) write me from time to time, that I may know how you are. Being tired (*transl.*: as I was . . .) of his eternal reproaches, I took my hat and went away. If you do not come, I shall write [to] you. If the fortress of Silistria had been taken, the Oriental war (*la guerra d'Oriente*) would have come to different end (*aver un altro esito*). If you knew how much I love you, you would not doubt of my sincerity. If he would, he could come [along] with us. I do not know whether Goethe is a greater poet than Shakespeare. Christ was born at Bethlehem, when Herod reigned over (*in*) Judæa. Whilst you were sleeping, a thief has stolen my gold watch with its chain. Whilst (*mentre*) some (the ones) plunge into useless speculation, others merrily enjoy their lives. So you will not obey the wishes of your parents? You will, therefore, continue in your bad behaviour, whilst they are continually making sacrifices for your sustenance and your education? He does not write to me, therefore I cannot inform you of his actual circumstances. Be (but) gone, nothing will befall you (*dat.*) (*sarà fatto*).

## Reading Exercise. 101.

## Il Capitano Lanfranco.

Il capitano Stefano Lanfranco poteva aver cinquant'anni o giù di lì. Era vestito di nero, alla foggia<sup>1)</sup> dei nostri vecchi capitani di mare, e portava anch'egli avvolto in due giri dintorno al collo, il suo fazzoletto di seta nera, che celava intieramente la goletta della camicia, non lasciando scorgere nemmeno un filo bianco. Il bianco tuttavia si vedeva un poco più in su, in una lista di barba brizzolata<sup>2)</sup> che egli portava a mo' di soggolo<sup>3)</sup> sotto il mento e sotto le mascelle, mentre la faccia avea rasa, come il più illustre dei Liguri<sup>4)</sup>, navigatore al pari di lui. Rasa, dico, e non liscia, imperocchè la faccia del capitano Lanfranco era solcata alle tempie e ai lati della bocca da parecchie grinze, tanto più appariscenti quanto più l'aspetto era florido; le quali, insieme con due folte sopracciglie, si sforzavano invano<sup>5)</sup> di conferirgli un'aria di ruvidezza; poichè sotto quelle sopracciglie apparivano due occhi cilestri impressi di bontà, e quelle grinze non soleano far solco che per accompagnare il più schietto riso del mondo e mostrare due file di bianchi e fortissimi denti, schierati in perfetta ordinanza.

*Anton Giulio Barrili.<sup>6)</sup>*

1) According to the fashion. 2) greyish. 3) in the shape of a wimple. 4) Christopher Columbus. 5) vainly endeavoured. 6) a distinguished novelist born at Genoa in 1847.

## Diálogo.

Quanti anni poteva avere il capitano Lanfranco?  
Come soleva vestirsi e che portava al collo?  
Non vedevasi dunque nulla di bianco?  
Portava egli la barba o no?  
Da che cosa era solcata la faccia del Lanfranco?  
Che aria si sforzavano di conferirgli quelle grinze?  
Ma quali occhi apparivano sotto le sue folte sopracciglie?  
Che specie di denti mostrava nel sorridere?

## Sixteenth Lesson.

Complements of Verbs. *Complementi.*

§ 1. Frequently the *verb* of a sentence requires another word whereby the sense is *completed*. In the phrase: *il ragazzo batte . . .* one word more must be added, in order to complete the sense of the verb. This



word answering the questions *whom?* or *what?* is the *complement of the verb*, and generally stands in the *accusative case*. It is called *Complemento diretto* (direct complement). In the above sentence: *il ragazzo batte il cane*, the word *il cane* is the *complemento diretto* of *batte*. — Only *active verbs* need a complement of this kind.

§ 2. Very frequently, however, the sense is not entirely completed by the addition of a word in the *accusative case*, and therefore a second complement is requisite, usually appearing in the *dative case*. Thus in the sentence: *Carlo dà un libro*, the nearest and most important complement (*un libro*) is already given, but nevertheless a second complement is necessary, in order to complete the phrase. This second or *accessory complement* is here *a suo fratello*.

§ 3. Sometimes the Italian construction greatly differs from the English. In the latter language the *dative* often *immediately* follows the verb, for instance in the sentence:

Nom.	Dat.	Acc.
Charles	gives his brother	a dollar.

In Italian the *accusative case* (Object): *uno scudo* precedes the *oblique case* (*dative* or *genitive*): *a suo fratello*. Thus:

Nom.	Acc.	Dat.
Carlo	dà uno scudo	a suo fratello.

§ 4. If the English verb has *two direct complements*, one of which is a *person*, the other always appears in the *accusative case* in Italian, and the *person* is added in the *dative*. Thus the sentence:

Charles teaches his brother the Italian language,  
is translated:

*Carlo insegna la lingua italiana a suo fratello.*

Note. 1. If the complement is a *verbal noun*, the Infinitive with *a* should be used.

*Insegno a leggere a mio fratello.*  
I teach my brother reading.

2. If an *active verb* is accompanied by another *active verb* (usually the *Part. pres.*), each of them may have its own *direct complement*, as:

I saw him (1. compl.) beating his horse (2. compl.).

*Lo vidi battere il suo cavallo.*

(The learner should observe that in such a case the English *present participle* must be rendered by the Italian Infinitive Mood.)

§ 5. The construction of the two verbs *fare*, "to make", "to let" (*to cause* a thing to happen) and *lasciare*, "to let" (*to allow* a thing to happen or to be done) is of a particular importance, as: I make you brush your coat, that is: I compel you to brush your coat, or: I allow you to brush your coat. Here three distinctions are to be made.

a) If in a sentence which is constructed with *fare* and *lasciare* there is only *one* object, whether direct or indirect, the construction is as in English:

I made the physician come.

*Feci venire il medico.*

I let the bird fly away.

*Lasciai volar via l'uccello.*

I caused a letter to be written to my brother.

*Feci scrivere una lettera a mio fratello.*

b) But if there are two objects, the question is whether the one which is governed by *fare* or *lasciare* is expressed by a pronoun and marks an active being. If this is the case, the dative is always employed, though the accusative is used in English:

I made him write a letter.

*Gli feci scrivere una lettera.*

I caused a letter to be written to him.

*Gli feci scrivere una lettera.*

The context will make the true meaning apparent, but if not, we may say in the second example:

*Feci scrivere una lettera diretta a lui* (addressed to him).

*Note.* The *object-pronouns* are always placed before the verbs *fare* and *lasciare*, and are never coupled with the following Infinitives. Ex.:

*Gli farò scrivere; lo farò venire, etc.*

c) If in the phrase constructed with *fare* and *lasciare* there are two objects, and the active being is expressed by a *substantive*, it must generally be placed in the abl. case (with *da*).

I caused my brother to write a letter.

*Feci scrivere una lettera da mio fratello.*

I caused my mother to buy a book for the teacher (f.).

*Feci comprare da mia madre un libro per la maestra.*

The dat. may be used instead of the abl., if no misunderstanding can possibly arise. This construction is often used by older writers.

*Feci agli schiavi battere il traditore.*

He ordered the traitor to be beaten by the slaves.

But one still says nowadays:

*Lasciate fare a me.* (French: *Laissez-moi faire*).

Let me do it.

### Observation.

It is a peculiarity of the Italian language that subjects and objects in the *Plural* are often used with verbs in the *Singular*, which then become a kind of impersonal verbs, not unlike those construed with the reflexive *si* (see Reflect. verb I. P. p. 111, 2). Ex.:

*Che imbrogli ci può essere?* (M.)

What impediments can there be?

*E poi mi tocca dei rimproveri e peggio.* (M.)

And then I meet with reproaches and still worse.

*Quanti conti s'ha da rendere!* (M.)

How many things one must account for!

*E poi, non ci sarà più altri impedimenti?* (M.)

Well, and there will be no more impediments?

*Sperava che oggi si sarebbe stati allegri insieme.* (M.)

I hoped that we should all be merry to-day.

### Inversion.

The members of a sentence are in general placed after the principal rule: *the governing word stands before the governed*. (Except the Personal Pronouns, see I. P. Less. 23.) Thus the members of a regularly constructed sentence appear in the following order:

1. Nominative case (Subject).
2. Verb (Predicate).
3. Accusative case (Object, direct complement, *complemento diretto*).
4. Dative or Genitive case (indirect complements, *complementi indiretti*).

This regular construction, however, is very seldom strictly observed. On the contrary, the Italian language arranges the members of a phrase with the greatest license, and there are so many deviations from the regular construction (called *Inversions*), that it is utterly impossible to fix any rule. *Euphony* and *distinctness* alone are the laws to be observed. The learner may compare the following sentences:

A. Regular construction.

B. Inversion.

*Quelli che avevano contribuito al bene della patria.*      *Quelli che al bene della patria contribuito avevano.*

Those who had contributed to the welfare of their country.

*S'egli osò pure alzare la fronte audace di tempo in tempo.*      *Se l'audace fronte osò pure di tempo in tempo alzare.*

If even he dared to raise from time to time his audacious front. (See the Note.)

These inversions are not only found in poetical language, but also in simple Italian prose. For the pupil, however, it will be safest to follow the rules of regular construction, till by the practice of conversation and of reading good contemporary Italian authors he is enabled to employ inverted constructions.

*Note.* If in emphatic speech the accusative *precedes*, and the verb follows immediately, a personal pronoun should be added in order to avoid misconception, the accusative and nominative being alike in Italian; thus:

*Queste sette medaglie le troverò.*

As for those seven medals, I am sure to find them.

*La vostra paga l'avrete questa sera.*

As for your pay, you shall have it this evening.

#### Traduzione. 102.

Does your brother teach (the) Italian to your sister, or your sister (to) your brother? He taught me reading (*Inf.*) and writing. The soldiers elected the sergeant [to] their captain. He ordered his brother to do it. Have you ordered your footman to fetch the bread? I allowed the poor woman to take the wood. Let me do [it], Sir! I shall make him conceive (*intendere*) it! Why have you sent for (*far venire*) the tailor, if you will not let him make the coat? Has he ordered the soldiers to be shot (*fucilare*, actively)? No, he ordered the soldiers to shoot the spy. Did you see the poor child fall?

No, but I saw the workman take it up. Yesterday I saw my friend depart. I heard many gentlemen praise the painting. The lady heard her husband saying, that he would still depart to-day. Have you seen your brother painting (*Infin.*)? This is the count's portrait; he had it done by a clever painter. I told (*fare*) the servant to (post) carry the letter to the post-office immediately that it might be despatched (*Imperf. cong.*) in time. When I shaw this tedious person coming, I ordered the doors to be locked. The money I have not received, but your letter has arrived. The merchants get (*far venire*) several goods from Italy. I heard the unhappy man praying God to end his misfortune.

### Reading Exercise. 103.

#### I lavori.

Quanto più la società s'avanza, più (*the more*) le arti crescono, ed i lavori si suddividono. Guai (*it would be bad*, lit. *woe!*) se l'istesso uomo avesse a lavorare la lana<sup>1)</sup> finchè è ridotta<sup>2)</sup> in una veste! Basterebbe appena un anno! Al contrario tu vedi il pastore allevare le pecore e tosarle<sup>3)</sup>; quel vello<sup>4)</sup> è dato al battilano<sup>5)</sup> che l'ugne e lo batte: un ciompo<sup>6)</sup> lo pèttina e cardassa<sup>7)</sup>; altri lo fila<sup>8)</sup>; altri lo tinge: poi que' fili sono dall'orditore<sup>9)</sup> disposti sovra l'orditoio<sup>10)</sup>. Il falegname<sup>11)</sup> e il tornitore<sup>12)</sup> hanno già preparato il telaio<sup>13)</sup>, i pèttini, le calcole<sup>14)</sup>, le càssidi<sup>15)</sup>, il subbio<sup>16)</sup>, la spola<sup>17)</sup>, con cui il lanaiuolo<sup>18)</sup> fabbrica la pezza del panno. Poi l'accimatore<sup>19)</sup> ne agguaglia<sup>20)</sup> i filamenti<sup>21)</sup>: il gualchiere<sup>22)</sup> lo purga ed apparecchia, facendolo sodare<sup>23)</sup> sotto lo strettoio<sup>24)</sup>: altri lo piega, poi si dispone ne' magazzini, e va dal ritagliatore<sup>25)</sup>, il quale lo vende al minuto<sup>26)</sup> al sartore<sup>27)</sup>, che te ne taglia una giubba<sup>28)</sup> alla moda.

Supponi che un uomo solo dovesse fare degli spilli<sup>29)</sup>. Avrebbe a scavar<sup>30)</sup> i sassi<sup>31)</sup> che contengono il rame<sup>32)</sup>, separarlo dalle altre materie, mescolarlo<sup>33)</sup> colla terra detta<sup>34)</sup> giallamina<sup>35)</sup> per dargli il colore dell'ottone<sup>36)</sup>; poi arroventirlo<sup>37)</sup>, batterlo, passarlo per una filiera<sup>38)</sup> in modo da rén-

1) The wool. 2) wrought into . . . 3) shear them. 4) wool in fleeces. 5) wool-carder. 6) dresser. 7) *cardassare* (better *cardare*), to card. 8) to spin. 9) weaver. 10) wool-weaver's loom. 11) joiner. 12) turner. 13) weaver's loom. 14) treadle. 15) the extracts (of a weaver's loom). 16) weaver's beam. 17) bobbin, spindle. 18) wool-weaver. 19) tenter. 20) to make even. 21) filament, thread. 22) fuller. 23) to full. 24) fulling-mill. 25) retail-merchant. 26) *vendere al minuto*, to sell by retail. 27) tailor. 28) a jacket. 29) pin. 30) to dig. 31) stone. 32) metal. 33) to mix. 34) so-called. 35) ochre. 36) brass. 37) *arroventire*, to make red-hot. 38) *filiera*, a metal plate with holes in it to draw the wire through.

derlo tondo e sòttile, quindi tagliarlo a pezzetti; poi quanta pazienza per fare a ciascuno la punta, e peggio ancora il capocchio<sup>39</sup>)! Quanti stimi<sup>40</sup>) che un uomo ne finirebbe in un dì? Venti sarebbe gala<sup>41</sup>): e poi, come fatti! Or bene dividendo i lavori in modo che ciascuno attenda ad un'operazione distinta, dieci persone unite fanno in un giorno quarantotto mila spilli. Ciascuno occupandosi sempre della stessa cosa vi si perfeziona, e se ne possono comperare mille per 30 soldi. Quell'uomo, lavorando da solo, non guadagnerebbe<sup>42</sup>) un soldo al giorno; questi dieci guadagnano meglio<sup>43</sup>) d'uno scudo l'uno.

*Cesare Cantù.*

39) a pin's head. 40) *stimare*, to think. 41) at most. 42) *guadagnare*, to earn. 43) *meglio*, here: more.

### Diálogo.

Che avviene quanto più la società s'avvanza?  
 Quanto tempo ci vorrebbe per far una veste di lana  
 senza la suddivisione del lavoro?  
 Che fanno il pastore, il battilano, il ciompo ed il filatore?  
 E che fanno il tintore, l'orditore e il lanaiuolo?  
 Che si suppone che dovesse fare un uomo solo?  
 Quante cose dovrebbe egli fare al rame prima di tagliarlo  
 a pezzetti?  
 Quanti spilli arriverebbe a fare un uomo in un giorno?  
 E quanti invece ne producono dieci uomini in un giorno  
 suddividendosi il lavoro?  
 Quanti spilli si possono comprare con trenta soldi?

## Seventeenth Lesson.

### Verbs the complements of which are different in both languages.

In English a great many verbs require the accusative case, which in Italian govern the genitive or dative. We here subjoin the most important deviations:

#### A. Verbs that require the dative case.

*Equivalère a qcs.\**), to be as much worth as . . . Ex.: 10  *Fiorini austriaci, equivalgono a venticinque lire.*

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\*) *Qdn.* signifies *qualcheduno*, somebody, *qcs.* = *qualchecosa*, something.

*Insegnare a qdn.*, to instruct, to teach: *insegno a tua cugina a scrivere*.

*Provvedere a qcs.\**, to provide for: *provvedete a' vostri bisogni*.  
*Sopperire* or *bastare a qcs.*, to suffice etc.: *non posso sopperire a tante spese*, I am not able to bear so many expenses.

*Riflettere a qcs.*, to reflect: *rifletterò a questa faccenda*, I shall reflect on this business, matter etc.

*Sopravvivere a qdn.*, so survive: *non vorrei sopravvivere a mia moglie*.

*Toccare a qdn.*, to concern: *questo non tocca a me*, that does not concern me, that is not my business\*\*).

*Ubbidire (obbedire) a qdn.\*\*\**, to obey: *perchè non ubbidite a' vostri maestri?*

*Note.* *Adempire (adempiere)*, to fulfil (a promise etc.) usually governs the *dative*, without excluding the *accus.* Thus: *Adempirò ai (i) miei obblighi*, I shall fulfill my duties. — *Somigliare* or *rassomigliare*, to resemble, sometimes governs the *accus.*, as: *rassomiglia un matto*, he resembles a fool. If, however, the *accusative* might be mistaken for the *nominative*, this verb takes the *dative*, as: *il fratello rassomiglia allo zio*. — *Compiacersi*, to be so kind as, prefers *di* before the *Infinitive*, as, *si compiaccia di udirmi*, be so kind as (please) to hear me; but the *Infinitive without prep.* is also admissible: *si compiaccia udirmi*.

### B. Verbs governing the Ablative case.

*Allontanarsi*, to depart from, to leave, as: *allontanatevi da questo luogo*, leave this place.

*Andare da qdn.*, to go to somebody's, for ex.: *vo dal medico*, I am going to the physician's.

*Astenersi da qcs.*, to abstain: *non posso astenermi dal ciallare*, I cannot help chatting.

*Cominciare da qcs.*, to begin by (with) . . . Ex.: *cominciate dal primo*, begin by the first.

*Derivare da qcs.*, to derive from . . . Ex.: *non deriva questa voce dal greco?* Is not this word derived from the Greek?

*Dispensare (esonere) da qcs.*, to release from . . . Ex.: *dispensatemi da questo obbligo*, release me from this duty.

*Dividere*, to separate from . . . Ex.: *Dio dividerà i buoni dai cattivi*, God will separate the good from the wicked.

\*) *Provvedere di qcs.* means: to provide with.

\*\*) When *toccare* means to touch it governs the accusative, as it has often been seen.

\*\*\*) Occasionally also *ubbidire qdn.*

**Guardare**, to take care lest, to shun, as: *guardatevi da questa società*, (do) shun this company, or avoid this company.

**Liberare**, to free, to deliver etc., as: *liberátemi da questo imbroglio*, deliver me from this embarrassment.

**Sbrigarsi (liberarsi) da qcs.**, to get rid of . . . Ex.: *mi sbrigherò da quella noiosa faccenda*, I shall get rid of that tedious business.

**Smascellarsi da qcs.**, to burst with . . . Ex.: *tutti volevano smascellarsi dalle risa*, all wanted to burst with laughter.

*Note.* A great many verbs with *da* are sometimes coupled with *di*, and *vice versa*. Generally the difference is very slight and often rather arbitrary, as we hinted when speaking of these prepositions Less. 4, II. P. Such verbs are: *dipendere*, to depend; *distinguere*, to distinguish, to prefer; *giudicare*, to judge; *preservare*, to preserve; *provenire*, to come from; *nascere*, to originate, to spring from; *scacciare*, to turn out; *tirare*, to draw (of the wind); *uscire*, to go out; *venire*, to come from.

#### Traduzione. 104.

My No is worth as much as your Yes. That concerns my brother, not me. There is nothing more painful [so see] than parents who survive their own children. Who teaches your sister Italian? I shall at any rate reflect on the proposal you made me. I have always provided for the wants of my family. Yesterday one of the workmen fell from the scaffold. Tell me, why you do not get rid of friends that abuse your goodness. At which part have you begun to (a) read? I should be very happy, if I were released from this responsibility. I shall abstain from making (*Infin.*) any observation on your conduct. Are you provided with matches? The relations could not better provide for the education of the poor orphans. A just judge distinguishes the guilty (*pl.*) from the innocent. Most Italian words are derived from the Latin. All his faults (are) originated in his bad education. Who has taught you French? Mr. Brown, who will also teach my fellow-pupil. Do not speak any more, or he will burst with laughter.

#### C. Verbs that govern the Genitive case.

*Di* is the preposition most in use after verbs. A great many of them take this preposition *elliptically* i. e. with the omission of the proper complement. Thus in the sentence: *raccontare di qualcheduno*, to tell of anybody, the real *Complemento diretto*: *una storia, i casi*, etc. a history, adventures, is suppressed. Some verbs follow-



ed by *di* are *Reflective* or *Pronominal*, as: *pentirsi di qcs.*, to repent, and others have their *nearer* complement in the *accusative* and the *farther* in the *genitive* case. Those most in use are:

*Abbisognare* } *di qcs.*, { to want. Ex.: *Abbisogno (ho bisogno) di Aver bisogno* } *tutto*, I want all.

*Abbondare di qcs.*, to abound. Ex.: *Il paese abbonda di vino.*  
*Abusare di qdn. or di qcs.*, to abuse. Ex.: *Egli abusa di me or della mia bontà.*

*Accorgersi*\*) } *di qcs.*, { to get aware of, to discover. Ex.: *Mi Arvedersi* } *sono accorto della sua debolezza.*

*Annoiarsi di qcs.*, to annoy oneself, to be teased with. Ex.: *Mi sono annoiato del suo parlare*, I could not stand his way of talking.

*Appagarsi*, see *contentarsi*.

*Arrossire di qcs.*, to blush for. Ex.: *Egli arrossì del suo fare.*

*Burlarsi di qdn. or di qcs.*, to laugh at, to mock. Ex.: *Io mi burlo della sua rabbia*, I laugh at his rage.

*Cambiare di qcs.*, to change. Ex.: *Ha cambiato di nome*, he has changed his name.

*Contentarsi*, to be satisfied. Ex.: *Mi contenterò di due franchi*, I shall be satisfied with two francs.

NB. *Si contenti* (polite mode) often means: be so kind as to . . .

*Convenire di qcs.*, to agree on . . . Ex.: *Abbiamo convenuto del prezzo.*

*Degnare*, to deign. *Egli non mi degnò d'una risposta*, he did not deign to give me any answer.

*Discorrere di qcs.*, to speak, to talk of . . . Ex.: *Discorremmo dello stato attuale del governo.*

*Dubitare di qcs.*, to doubt. Ex.: *Dúbito della sua veracità.*

*Fidarsi di qdn. or di qcs.*, to trust. Ex.: *Non mi fido di voi*, I do not trust you.

*Giovarsi*, see *profittare*.

*Godere di qcs.*, to enjoy. Ex.: *Godo della Sua presenza*, I am glad to see you here (*lit.* I am glad of your presence).

*Impadronirsi di qcs.*, to seize, to take possession. Ex.: *Egli s'impadronì del governo.*

*Incaricarsi di qcs.*, to undertake. Ex.: *Non voglio incaricarmi di questa faccenda.*

*Informarsi di qdn. or qcs.*, to enquire after . . . Ex.: *M'informerò della sua salute.*

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\*) *Scorgere*, to perceive, governs the *accus.*

*Lagnarsi* } *di qcs.*, { to complain, to lament. Ex.: *Essi si*  
*Lamentarsi* } *lagnano della loro crudeltà.*

*Mancare*, to be in want of. Ex.: *Manco di tutto*, I am in want of everything.

*Maravigliarsi* (*meravigliarsi*) *di qcs.*, to wonder, to marvel. Ex.: *Me ne maraviglio.*

*Morire*, to die of. Ex.: *Muoio di noia*, I die of ennui.

*Occuparsi*, to occupy oneself. Ex.: *M'occupo di studi grammaticali*, I occupy myself with grammatical studies.

*Parlare* to speak. Ex.: *Di che parlate?* What are you speaking of?

*Pentirsi di qcs.*, to repent. Ex.: *Egli si pentirà della sua bugia.*

*Profittare* (or *giovarsi*) *di qcs.*, to make use, to profit. Ex.: *Profitterò della buona occasione.*

*Ragionare*, to speak of. Ex.: *Non ragioniam di lor* (Dante), let us not speak of them.

*Ricordarsi di qcs.*, to remember, to recollect. Ex.: *Mi ricorderò sempre della sua bontà.*

*Ripentirsi*, see *pentirsi*.

*Temere*, to fear, to be afraid of. Ex.: *Egli teme di cadere*, he is afraid he might fall.

*Vivere*, to live upon. Ex.: *Vive di pane ed acqua*, he lives upon bread and water.

#### Traduzione. 105.

I always remember with joy the agreeable hours I have spent in the house of the Countess. He wondered at the levity of the young man. I would sooner doubt (of) my own existence than (of) the correctness of this principle. If you undertake this commission, you will surely repent of it. I met your brother, but he did not deign [to honour] me with a single look (*transl.*: not even with a look). With what do you occupy yourself the whole day? Just now I am occupied (*transl.*: I occupy myself) with a translation of Lord Byron's 'Hebrew Melodies'. Welcome, my dear friend! I am very glad to see you. The official (*l'impiegato*) made a bad use (*abusare*) of his power; therefore the prince could not trust him any more. I was directly aware (*accorgersi*) of his intention, and blushed at so great an effrontery. Woe to the youth that derides (*burlarsi*) (the) old age! Approach (*avvicinarsi*) without fear, Miss (N.\*)! His Majesty deigns (*degnarsi*) to hear your prayer. Austria abounds in natural wealth. We agreed on the place, where we would talk (the matter over) of the matter. I pro-

\*) In English Mr., Mrs., Miss require a person's name after them; but they do not in Italian.

fited by my brother's presence to inquire after some families I had known in Verona.

### D. Verbs with more than one Complement.

*Assistere qdn.*, to assist somebody. Ex.: *Assiste gli ammalati.*  
*Assistere a qcs.*, to be present at . . . Ex.: *Non posso assistere alle nozze.*

*Cambiare (cangiare, mutare) qcs.*, to change, to alter smth.  
 Ex.: *Abbiamo cambiato le condizioni*, we have altered the conditions. *Bisogna che io mi cambi le calze e le scarpe.*

*Cambiare di parere*, to change one's mind.

*Cercare qdn.*, also *di qdn.*, and *per qdn.*, to look for somebody.  
 Ex.: *Cerco di mio fratello* or *Cerco mio fratello.*

*Cercare di* (with *Infin.* follow.), to try. Ex.: *Egli cerca d'ingannar la gente*, he tries to cheat the people.

*Convenire di qcs.\**), (also *in qcs.*), to agree to. Ex.: *Abbiamo convenuto del prezzo*, we agreed about the price.

*Convenire a qdn.*, to be becoming. Ex.: *Non conviene ad una donna*, it does not become a lady.

*Convenirsi con qcs.*, to seem, to look like . . . Ex.: *Non si conviene colla sua maniera d'agire*, it does not look like his usual manner of doing things.

*Credere qcs.*, to believe smth. Ex.: *Non credo questa storia.*

*Credere a qdn.\*\**), to believe anybody. Ex.: *Credete al vostro amico*, believe your friend.

*Credere a qcs.*, to believe in. Ex.: *Non credo agli spettri*, I do not believe in ghosts.

NB. With a proper name following, *in* is used, as: *credi in Dio?* do you believe in God?

*Domandare (dimandare) qdn.*, to call someb. Ex.: *Domandate il vostro amico.*

*Domandare a qdn.\*\*\*)*, to ask, is about the same as: *domandare qdn.* Ex.: *Domandate a vostra madre; a chi domandate questo?*

*Domandare (Comandare) qcs.*, to ask for smth. Ex.: *Domando una bottiglia di vino.*

*Domandare di qdn.* or *di qcs.*, to inquire after. Ex.: *Domando del signor conte*, I inquire after count . . . *Domando del prezzo†*).

\*) *Convenire qdn.* means: to sue one at law.

\*\*) *Far credere a qdn.* means: to make one believe.

\*\*\*) *Domandare qcs. a qdn.* is to inquire about something of somebody. The French *demandar quelque chose à quelqu'un* is more correctly translated: *chiedere qcs. a qdn.*

†) Or: *domandare il prezzo.*

*Giocare a qcs.*, to play at smth. Ex.: *Giochiamo alle carte*, we play at cards.

*Giocare qcs.*, to play for smth. Ex.: *Quanto giocheremo?*

(*Giocare* forms some Italianisms like: *Giocar di calcagna*, to take to one's heels; *giocare di mani*, to pilfer, to gripe, etc.)

*Impedire a qdn.*, to hinder someb. Ex.: *Non gli ho mai impedito di studiare.*

*Impedire qcs.*, to hinder smth. Ex.: *La neve impediva il passaggio delle montagne.*

*Mancare* without complement (*verbo neutro*) means: to be wanting, as: *manca un fiorino*, there is a florin wanting; *mancano due scellini*, there are two shillings wanting.

*Mancare di qcs.*, to fall short of smth. Ex.: *Mancano di viveri*, they fall short of provisions.

*Mancare a qcs.*, to fail in smth. Ex.: *Non mancherò mai al rispetto che vi devo*, I shall never fail in the respect I owe you.

(Italianisms are: *sentirsi mancare*, to feel qualmish or fainting.)

NB. In the Italianism *manco male*, that is not bad, indeed! *manco* is not verb, but an adverb = *meno*.

*Pensare a qdn.* or *a qcs.*, to think of . . . Ex.: *Pensate a me*, think of me (do not forget me).

*Rispondere a qdn.*, to answer someb. Ex.: *Gli risposi di no.*

*Rispondere a qcs.*, to correspond with smth. *Il risultato non rispose agli sforzi fatti*, the result did not correspond with the efforts made.

(*Rispondere al pagamento* means: to pay in due time; *rispondersi*, to agree; *corrispondere a qcs.*, to correspond to, as: *questa voce italiana corrisponde all'inglese*, this Italian word corresponds to the English.

*Servire qdn.* or *a qdn.*, to serve someb. Ex.: *Servo il (al) mio padrone*, I serve my master.

*Service di qcs.*, to serve for smth., to be good for . . . Ex.: *I baluardi servono di difesa*, the bulwarks serve for (as) defence.

*Soddisfare a qdn.* or *a qcs.*, to correspond, to answer. Ex.: *Non potrà soddisfare alla nostra aspettazione*, he will not be able to answer our expectations.

*Soddisfare qdn.*, to content. Ex.: *Soddisfece il padrone*, he contented his master.

#### Traduzione. 106.

Assist one another in (the) misfortune! Who has called me? I wished to ask you, if you will play [on] the piano with me. Did you agree with your adversary on the condi-

tions of the duel? Modesty becomes a young man. I shall by no means believe what he has told me; I shall ask my teacher about it. He asked me, whether I would accompany him. At what do you generally play, at cards or at chess? Trust my friend; he will certainly not break (*manicare*) his word. Have you answered (to) the letter which the colonel wrote you? I serve my duke as a (*da*) faithful servant. What will all your exertions avail you? I no longer believe in any of you, you are all story-tellers (*bugiardo*). Do you play for money, gentlemen? After whom do you inquire? I inquire after the (*il signore*) Marquis. Do the gentlemen want beer or wine? Trust me, that I am your sincere friend, who always loved you (*voler bene*). Do you believe in Christ, our Saviour? I believe in God, the creator of heaven and earth. I am very glad that I may (*di potere*) take part (*transl.*: assist) in this beautiful festival. This young man devotes himself passionately to the study of natural science. It is not my affair (does not become me) to exhort him. The result did not answer our expectations.

### Reading Exercise. 107.

Gioacchino Murat.

Questo fine<sup>1)</sup> ebbe Gioacchino nel quarantesim'ottavo anno di vita, settimo di regno. Era nato in Cahors di genitori poveri e modesti; nel primo anno della rivoluzione di Francia, giovinetto appena, fu soldato ed amante di libertà, ed, in breve tempo, ufficiale e colonnello. Valoroso e infaticabile in guerra, lo notò Bonaparte, e lo pose al suo fianco; fu generale, fu maresciallo, gran duca di Berg e re di Napoli. Mille trofei<sup>2)</sup> raccolse (da secondo più che da capo) in Italia, Allemagna, Russia ed Egitto; era pietoso a' vinti, liberale a' prigionieri, e lo chiamavano l'Achille della Francia, perchè prode ed invulnerabile al pari dell'antico; ebbe il diadema quasi in dote della sorella di Bonaparte; lo perdè, per ignoranza di governo. Due volte fedele alla Francia, nell'anno 14, per provvido consiglio; nel 15, per insano. Ambizioso, indomabile, trattava con le arti della guerra la politica dello Stato. Grande nell'avversità, tollerandone il peso; non grande nelle fortune, perchè intemperato ed audace. Desideri da re, mente da soldato, cuore di amico. Decorosa persona, grato aspetto, mondie troppe, e, più nei campi, che nella reggia. Per ciò vita varia, per virtù e fortuna, morte misera, animosa, compianta.

Pietro Colletta<sup>3)</sup>.

1) He was shot in 1815. 2) Great honours. 3) Neapolitan historian, born 1773, died 1831.

**Diálogo.**

Come finì Murat e quando?  
 Dov'era nato e in quale condizione?  
 Che fece egli giovinetto appena?  
 Perchè lo notò Bonaparte?  
 Quali cariche ebbe egli successivamente?  
 In quali paesi raccolse Murat grandi onori?  
 Come si diportava in guerra?  
 Chi sposò e che gli portò la moglie in dote?  
 Fu egli sempre fedele alla Francia?  
 Quale fu il suo carattere?  
 E quale il suo aspetto e la sua vita?

**Eighteenth Lesson.****Neuter, Reflective, and Impersonal verbs.****I. Neuter verbs.**

Neuter verbs which can *never* be used in an active sense, are conjugated with the auxiliary *essere*, as *sono andato* (gone): *è caduto* (fallen). Exceptions are: *dormire* to sleep; *pranzare* and *desinare*, to dine; *passaggiare*, to take a walk; *sonnecchiare*, to take a nap, to slumber, and *sternutare*, to sneeze. These verbs form their compound tenses with *avere*. We add a list of neuter verbs most in use, with their auxiliaries:

With *essere*:

*Accorrere*, to run to.

*andare*, to go.

*approdare*, to go, ashore, to land.

*arrivare*, to arrive.

*avvenire*, to succeed (of a fact etc.).

*Cadere*, to fall.

*camminare*, to walk.

*cessare*, to cease\*) (see *avere*).

*comparire*, to appear.

*convenire*, to agree (see *avere*).

*correre*, to run.

*costare*, to cost (see *avere*).

*crescere*, to grow (see *avere*).

*Dimorare*, to dwell, live (see *avere*).

*discendere*, to get down.

*divenire*, to become.

*Entrare*, to enter.

*Fuggire*, to flee (see *avere*).

*Gelare*, to be cold, to freeze.

*giungere*, to join (see *avere*).

*guarire*, to heal (see *avere*).

*Intervenire*, to intervene.

*invecchiare*, to grow old.

*ire* (obs.), to go.

*Morire*, to die (see *avere*).

*Nascere*, to be born.

*naufragare*, to be shipwrecked.

\*) See Note 1, page 307.

*Parere*, to seem.  
*passare*, to pass (see *avere*).  
*partire*, to start, to depart  
 (see *avere*).  
*perire*, to perish.  
*pervenire*, to arrive.  
*piacere*, to please.  
*procédere*, to procede.  
*prorompere*, to burst forth.  
*Rimanere*, to remain.  
*risanare*, to recover.  
*ritornare*, to return.  
*riuscire*, to succeed.  
*rivenire*, to come back.  
*Salire*, to go up (see *avere*).

*scadere*, to expire (of a term).  
*scappare*, to escape.  
*scendere*, to descend.  
*scoppiare*, to burst forth.  
*scorrere*, to elapse.  
*sembrare*, to seem. [*avere*].  
*soggiacere*, to be subdued (see  
*spiacere*, to displease.  
*spirare*, to expire, to die.  
*succedere*, to happen, follow.  
*suonare*, to strike, to resound  
 (see *avere*).  
*Uscire*, to go out.  
*Venire*, to come.  
*vivere*, to live (see *avere*).

With *avere*:

*Aderire*, to adhere.  
*aspirare*, to endeavour, to  
 strive,  
*assistere*, to assist\*.)  
*Ballare*, to dance.  
*Cedere*, to yield\*\*).  
*cenare*, to sup.  
*cessare*, to cease.  
*contravvenire*, to contravene.  
*costare*, to cost.  
*crescere*, to increase.  
*Danzare*, to dance.  
*degenerare*, to degenerate (also  
 with *essere*).  
*desinare*, to dine.  
*dimorare*, to reside, to dwell.  
*Fuggire*, to shun, to avoid.  
*Giungere*, to add.  
*godere*, to rejoice.  
*guarire*, to cure (somebody).  
*Impallidire*, to turn pale.  
*incontrare*, to meet.  
*Mangiare*, to eat. [hood.  
*mentire*, to lie, to tell a false-

*morire*, to kill.  
*Nidificare*, to nest.  
*nuotare*, to swim.  
*Partire*, to divide.  
*passare*, to pass.  
*passaggiare*, to take a walk.  
*piangere*, to cry, to weep.  
*pranzare*, to dine.  
*Ridire*, to curse.  
*Salire*, to get upon something.  
*scorrere*, to peruse, to run  
 through.  
*seguire*, to follow.  
*soggiacere*, to be subdued.  
*sognare*, to dream.  
*sonnecchiare* } to slumber.  
*sonneggiare* }  
*sternutare*, to sneeze.  
*s(u)onare*, to play an instru-  
 ment (see Note 2).  
*Tacere*, to be silent.  
*tardare*, to tarry.  
*Viaggiare*, to travel.  
*vivere* to live.

\*) Of course only when used actively, as: *ho sempre assistito quelli che avevano bisogno del mio soccorso*, I have always assisted those who were in want of my assistance.

\*\*) We need not add that the *Passive voice* of *cedere* is formed with the auxiliary *essere*, as: *il territorio è stato ceduto*, the territory has been given over.

## Notes.

1. Many of these verbs coupled with *avere* also admit of *essere*, but only in the 3rd pers. Sing. and Plur. When used with *avere*, they require an *Infinitive* following, which forms their *verbal complement*, as: *ha cessato d'importunarmi*, he has ceased to annoy me (annoying me). Used in this way, those verbs partake of the nature of the *active* verb, whilst used with *essere* they are really *neuter* and therefore admit of *no* complement, as: *la guerra è cessata*, war is over, whereas: *la guerra ha cessato di devastare questi paesi*, war has ceased to desolate these countries.

2. *Sonare*, when used of the *hour*, requires *essere*, as: *son sonate le 3*, it has struck 3 o'clock. In the transitive sense, *avere* is employed, as: *chi ha sonato le campane*, who has rung the bells?

3. We need scarcely say, that every one of these verbs, if used *actively*, requires *avere*, as: *ho viaggiato l'Italia*, I have travelled all over Italy.

4. With many of these verbs the use of *avere* and *essere* is rather arbitrary. In modern phraseology those denoting *weather* or *temperature*, of the *air* prefer *essere*, as: *è piovuto*, it has rained; *è nevicato*, it has snowed, but also: *ha piovuto*, *ha nevicato*.

## II. Pronominal verbs.

As we have seen in the First Part, these verbs always require as a complement one of the Personal pronouns *mi*, *ti*, *si*, *ci*, *vi*. They form the compound tenses with *essere*, wherefore their *Past part.* always agrees with the *Subject* in gender and number. Ex.:

These gentlemen have loved one another.

*Questi signori si sono amati.*

These ladies have loved one another.

*Queste signore si sono amate.*

*Note.* With a great many Pronominal verbs, the pronouns *mi*, *ti*, *si*, etc. are not *accusative*, but *dative* cases, answering the question *to whom?* With these verbs the Italians employ *avere* as well as *essere*. When not referring to an *accusative*, but to the *dative* case preceding, the past participle, though used with *essere*, is invariable. The learner should compare:

1. *I figli si sono amati.*

The children have loved (whom? *acc.*) one another.

*I figli si sono (hanno) scritto.*

The children have written (to whom? *dat.*) to one another.



2. With the accusative (direct complement, object) preceding:

The children have given them (i. e. the books, *acc.*) to one (*dat.*) another.

*I figli se (dat.) li (acc.) sono dati.*

In this sentence the past part. agrees with the preceding *li* (them, i. e. the books), but not with *si*. The only difficulty here consists in the resemblance of the dative cases of the Personal pronouns with the accusative, wherefore the pupil, if not quite sure whether the past part. agrees with its preceding complement, will do best to ask: *whom?* or *to whom?* In the sentence:

*I figli si sono pigliate le penne*, the children have taken the pens for themselves), it is necessary to observe\*):

1. that the verb *pigliare* is here used as a *reciprocal* verb, whilst in English it is active, thus: *io mi piglio*, does not mean: *I take myself*, but: *I take something for me* (Ital. *mi*, *dat.*);
2. that *sono* replaces *hanno*, have;
3. that (as will be seen hereafter in the rules on the past part.) the *partic. passato*, when used with *avere*, agrees with its *preceding* complement in *gender* and *number*, consequently *pigliate* with the preceding *le* (i. e. *le penne*, fem. plur.);
4. that in English the Dative *si* (for euphony *se*) is suppressed.

### III. Impersonal verbs.

By the use of the reflective *si*, the Italians form a great many expressions equivalent to the impersonal verbs. Such are:

*Si vede*, one sees.

*Si dice*, it is said.

*Si crederà*, it will be believed, etc.

#### Traduzione. 108.

At these cries all had run together, but the thieves had already fled. The good season has arrived, and I am preparing myself to spend some weeks in the country. That time is past (*transl.*: these times are past), dear friend, we have grown old and the world with us. The modern Romans

\*) *I figli se le sono pigliate* is an Italianism corresponding to *The children have caught it* i. e. they have been chastised, they have been beaten.

are said (*Si dice che . . .*) to be much degenerated. Why have you blushed? Because it seemed to me, as if I had (*di avere*) offended this gentleman. I have lately met your cousin; he is always in good humour, but I find that he has grown old. Honest men flee even the opportunity of doing evil. After having taken notice (*Fut. pass.*) of this letter, please to give it back to me. We danced until midnight, and it had (*pl.*) already struck two o'clock when we came home. This bill has expired. This fellow (man) had not ceased to importune me with his requests. I must confess to you that your behaviour has displeased me much. Did you like the music (has the m. pleased you)? Not very much. Did this poet live in Germany or in France? I believe (*Mi pare*) in France. What has happened in my (*durante la mia*) absence? A small vessel has been shipwrecked. I have perused all the book, but I have not succeeded in finding the passage in question.

### Reading Exercise. 109.

#### L' Uomo.

O uomo, o del divin dito immortale  
 Ineffabil lavor, forma e ricetta<sup>1)</sup>  
 Di spinto, e polve moribonda e frale<sup>2)</sup>,  
 Chi può cantar le tue bellezze? Al petto  
 Manca la lena, e il verso non ascende  
 «Tanto che arrivi all'alto mio concetto».  
 Fronte che guarda il ciel e al cielo tende;  
 Chioma, che sopra agli omeri<sup>3)</sup> cadente  
 Or bionda or bruna il capo orna e difende;  
 Occhio, dall'alma interprete eloquente,  
 Senza cui non avria dardi e farètra<sup>4)</sup>  
 Amor, nè l'ali, nè la faccia ardente;  
 Bocca ond'esce il riso, che penètra<sup>5)</sup>  
 Dentro i cori, e l'accento si disserra,  
 Ch'or severo comanda or dolce impetra;  
 Mano, che tutto sente e tutto afferra,  
 E nell'arti incallisce<sup>6)</sup>, e ardita e pronta  
 Cittadi innalza e opposti monti atterra;  
 Piede, su cui l'uman tronco si punta<sup>7)</sup>  
 E parte e riede<sup>8)</sup>, e or ratto ed or restio  
 Varca pianure, e gioghi aspri sormonta;  
 E tutta la persona entro il cuor mio  
 La maraviglia piove<sup>9)</sup>, e mi favella  
 Di quell'alto saper che lo compio.

1) receptacle. 2) feeble. 3) shoulders. 4) quiver. 5) *in prose* pénétra. 6) it grows callous. 7) props itself. 8) returns. 9) the astonishment pervades.

Tacevan d'amor rapiti intorno ad ella  
 La terra, il cielo; ed: Io, son'io, v'è sculto,  
 Delle create cose la più bella.

Vincenzo Monti<sup>10</sup>).

10) Born 1754, died 1828, distinguished poet and philologist, translator of Homer's Ilias.

## Nineteenth Lesson.

### Peculiarities of some verbs.

Some verbs occur in Italianisms, which in English must generally be periphrased with adverbs. Those most in use are:

1. *Andare* with the Gerundio following gives more emphasis to the verb. Thus: *cerco il mio cappello* means: I am looking for my hat, whereas *vo cercando il mio cappello* means: I am looking everywhere for my hat. — *Va bene* means: all right! If used before a Participle, it gives more emphasis to the Passive voice by adding the accessory idea of necessity, as: *così va fatto*, thus it should be done. (That's the way to do it.) *Così va giuocato*, that's how it should be played. *Queste due cose vanno unite*, these two things belong together.

Observe the following Italianisms:

*Andare a prendere* (*acqua, libri* etc.), to fetch (water, books, etc.).

*Andare a chiamare* (*il medico, il padre*, etc.), to go for (the doctor, father, etc.).

*Andare a cercare*, to seek, go seeking (things lost).

Ex.: *Mia sorella ha perduto il suo anello nel giardino; andiamo a cercarlo.*

My sister lost her ring in the garden; we will seek it.

*Non c'è acqua in casa, va a prenderne.*

There is no water in the house, go to fetch some.

2. *Essere per* . . . means to be about . . . , to be on the point of . . . , or is periphrased with *directly, just now* etc. Ex.: *E per cadere*, he is on the point of falling. — *Essere a* . . . means to be with *Pres. Part. following*, as: *mia sorella è a ricamare*, my sister is embroidering. — *Essere in procinto di* . . . has the same meaning as *essere per* . . . , as: *sono in procinto d'andarvi*, I am about to go there; I have a mind to go there.

3. *Cominciare* with *con* before the Infinitive Mood means: at first or, as in Italian, to begin with. Ex.: *Egli cominciò con (col) dirmi*, he told me at first, he began with telling me.

4. *Fare* forms several Italianisms, as: *farsi indietro*, to step back; *farsi innanzi*, to step forth; *far di cappello*, to take off one's hat, to bow to a person; *fare (non fare) per uno*, that does not do, I do not like; *fare da sè*, to do something alone; *far sì che . . .*, *far in modo (in guisa) che . . .* to do so (act in such a way) that . . .; *fare il soldato*, to be a soldier; *fare da soldato*, to play the soldier. *Al fare del giorno*, at daybreak; *sul far della notte*, in the evening dusk (twilight); *cammin (strada) facendo*, on the way, while wandering; *è un romanzo sul fare di quelli del Balzac*, it is a novel like those of Balzac.

5. *Metterci a*, with the Infinitive following (French: *se mettre à*), as: *egli si mise a piangere*, he began to weep.

6. *Sovvenire*, to recollect, can also be used as an *impersonal* in Italian and requires in this case the English nominative as a *dative case*, as:

*Domandò a sè stesso, se ci fosse qualche uscita, e gli sovvenne subito di no.* (M.)

He asked himself whether there was another outlet, and he at once recollected that there was none.

7. *Stentare a*, corresponds to the English adverb *scarcely*. Ex.: *Stento a crederlo*, I can hardly believe it.

*Un'umiltà affettata che stentava a collocarsi nei lineamenti duri di quella faccia.* (M.)

An affected humility which could scarcely express itself in the hard features of that face.

8. *Stare* with *per* before the Infinitive means: to be on the point, as: *sto per partire*, I am on the point of setting out. — Before the *Gerundio*, it represents an action as lasting, like the English pres. part., yet without being so frequently used. Ex.: *Sto lavorando*, I am working.

NB. *Stare a . . .* conveys an idea of *duration*, as:

*Che i due stessero ad aspettare qualcheduno, era cosa troppo evidente.* (M.)

It was but too evident that those two *were waiting* for somebody.

Observe the expressions:

*Stare (di casa)*, to dwell; *stare (di salute)* to be (well or unwell); *stare in piedi*, to stand; *stare seduto*, to be sitting; *stare quieto, persuaso, etc.*, to be quiet, persuaded, etc.

9. *Tardare a*, (less frequently *di*) means, to tarry, to stay long. Ex.: *Tarda a venire*, he is long in coming.

10. *Toccare* (*lit.* to touch), to happen, with the dative of the person, often expresses a kind of external necessity, as:

*I tempi in cui gli era toccato di vivere.* (M.)

The time in which it had fallen to his lot to live.

*Vorrei che la fosse toccata a voi.* (M.)

I wish the thing had happened to you.

11. *Tornare a* with an Infinitive, means: to do something again, to repeat, as: *vi torno a dire*, I tell you once more.

12. *Venire* with *a* before the Infinitive, expresses motion to the place of the person speaking, as: *venite a trovarmi*, come to see me; whereas *andare* denotes motion toward another person, as: *andai a trovarlo*, I went to see him («*venni*», would here be incorrect). If used with the past participle, it denotes an action as contemporaneous. Ex.: *Mi viene assicurato*, they (just now) assure me. *Gli fu detto*, he was told; *gli venne detto*, he (that instant) was told. Before the Gerundio, it corresponds to *by* and *by*. Ex.: *Si venne accorgendo*, by and by he perceived.

NB. *Venire*, with *a* and an Infinitive following, sometimes implies a consequence of another action, thus:

*Lecco viene in parte a trovarsi nel lago stesso, quando questo ingrossa.* (M.)

Lecco is (then) situated partly in the lake itself, when this latter is overflowing.

13. *Volere* with the Infinitive following, has sometimes the signif. of a Future, as: *oh, non la vogliam finir bene!* (Gold.) Oh, that will not end well.

*Volere* with *ci* means: to be needed, to be necessary, as:

*Ci volle tutta la superiorità del Griso.* (M.)

The whole superiority of G. was needed.

*Ci vuol altro!* That's of no avail! (= other means are needed.)

*Vuolsi* means: one says, they pretend.

### Special remarks on some English verbs.

1. To be able is *potere*, when importing an innate or external ability, as: *potete rompere questo legno?* are you able to (can you) break this wood? When expressing some ability acquired by learning or exercise, it is translated *sapere* (in English to know), as: *sa Ella nuotare*, can you swim?

2. To have, with the *accusative* and *past participle* following, as: I shall have a coat made, means *fare*. Ex.: *Mi farò fare un abito*\*). The learner should observe that in this case the English *past part.* must be rendered by the Italian *Infinitive Mood*. The sentence I have made a coat is translated: *ho fatto un abito*.

Further examples! He will have me put in prison, *vuol farmi mettere in prigione*. *Glielo farò sapere*, I shall let you know (send you word). *Egli l'ha fatto assassinare*, he has had (got) him murdered.

3. To get is also frequently translated with *fare*. As an enumeration of its different significations would lead us too far, we advise the learner, whenever this word occurs, to periphrase it; for instance: have you got your money = have you received your money, *ha Ella ricevuto (ottenuto) il suo danaro*? I can't get over this difficulty, *non posso vincere* (to conquer, to overcome) *questa difficoltà*. We got home at 6 o'clock *arrivammo (giungemmo) a casa alle sei*, etc.

4. To let is *lasciare*. Ex.: *Lasciatemi entrare*, let me (permit me to) enter. To be let (= hired) is *darsi in affitto* or *appigionarsi*. Ex.: This room is to be let, *questa stanza si dà in affitto* or *appigionasi*.

5. To make when meaning to render, should be translated with *rendere*, rather than with *fare*. Ex.: He makes (renders) me unhappy, *mi rende (mi fa) infelice*.

6. To be obliged etc. (I must etc.) is, as we said before, *dovere* or (impers.) *bisognare*. The same meaning is expressed by *avere a (da)*, as:

*A tutti coloro ordina che abbiano a sgomberare il paese.*  
(M.)

On all these he lays his commands that they have to leave the country (= he bids them all leave, etc.).

(See also *toccare*, pg. 312, 10.)

7. To hear in the *common* sense of the word, i. e. to hear by chance, without one's will, by a simple and involuntary act of the organ of hearing must be translated by *sentire*, *udire*, as: *non ho sentito (udito) nulla*. *Intendere* means hearing in the sense of understanding, refers to the brains more than to the ear, as: *intendo quel che tu vuoi dire*, I understand (I see) what you are about to say. — *Ascoltare* means to listen, to hear attentively.

8. To bring, if referring to portable matters is *portare* and more commonly *recare*, as: *recatemi la mia tabacchiera*,

\*) In French: *je me ferai faire un habit*.

bring me my snuffbox\*). If speaking of persons or animals, it is rendered by *condurre* or *menare*; f. inst.: bring (lead) the horse to the door, *menate il cavallo alla porta*. Don't forget to bring your brother with you, *non dimentichi di condurre suo fratello*.

9. To drink is *bere* if used of cold beverages and in greater quantity; as: *ho bevuto un bicchiere di birra*, I have drunk a glass of beer. Of hot drinks, however, and in smaller quantity *prendere* is likewise in use (like the English to take), as: *prendere del tè, del caffè*, to take (drink) tea, coffee, etc. To drink in long draughts is *tracannare*, as: *tracannai un bicchier d'acqua*. (Silv. Pell.)

#### Traduzione. 110.

Your cousin says everywhere that I (have) cheated him; tell him that I cannot suffer this calumnation. I am about to write him that I shall enter an action against him. When the children saw themselves discovered, they began to cry. The exhibition of flowers will soon be closed (with *stare per chiudersi*). Be-<sup>-</sup>(*stare*) seated, Mis (N.), we shall take our tea at that table. Bring me to-morrow the book I lent you six months ago. Do not forget to come to-morrow morning and bring also your brother with you. Where have you got this nice coat made? I (have) bought it ready-made (*bell'e fatto*). The footman you procured me, does not suit me. I have made you wait. I hope you will pardon (me) my incivility, if I tell you that Countess N. did not let me depart sooner. He who does not know how to manage firearms, should never take any into his hands when they are loaded (*cárico*). Can you speak Italian, Sir? I know it only a little; if I knew it better, I could have got a good position in Italy. Charles, I should like to drink something, go and get (fetch) me a glass of beer. To (A) this man everybody should bow (take off his hat). I request you, my son, to listen to the counsels of your teachers and to act so as to satisfy them (so that they are contented with you). Do not let me wait (*tardare*) a long time for letters, and receive my parental blessings.

#### 111.

The French would *scarcely* believe, that their great emperor Napoleon had (*fosse*) died at St. Helena. How can you say that I am doing nothing? Do you not see that I am working the whole day? Whom do you expect? Your uncle?

\*) *Recare* has a good many other significations, for which we refer the pupil to the dictionary. *Recarsi* means to go to ... as: *mi recai a Parigi*, I went to Paris.

He won't be back this good while (*transl.* he will tarry to come), because he is at a meeting (*si è recato ad un convegno*) which will last several hours. When I represented to him (*gli esposi*) the dreadful consequences of his levity, he began to cry like a child. You begin by being insolent, and [yet] wish that I shall do something for you; you are a fool. The train is a long time in coming; something must have happened. What are you doing there behind the table? I am looking everywhere for my portfolio, but I cannot find it. I hear that my little cousin is very diligent at school; he is loved and praised by all his masters. "It must be done in this way", said the drunken man, *when* he *would* (*Gerund.*) jump over the ditch, and he fell into it. The husband of that woman is a joiner, and her son is a shoemaker. Where is your brother? He is in town and has [just] passed his examination. I got no answer to my first letter; a week afterwards I wrote him again and requested him to visit me in my country-seat (farm). Even (*Neanche*) the greatest riches cannot render the wise entirely happy.

### Reading Exercise. 112.

#### I Giudizi altrui.

L'uomo superiore non fa caso<sup>1)</sup> dei giudizi del mondo; egli ha in se stesso un giudice unico che è la sua coscienza.

Capirai però che per usare di questo diritto è d'uopo tenere molto alto il proprio senso morale. Per basta: e a se stessi bisogna essere ricchi e solo chi ha dovizie<sup>2)</sup> d'alti sentimenti e di propositi generosi può fare a meno del plauso della folla.

Se tu vedi qualcuno che va in cerca della lode e della approvazione altrui, di' pure con certezza ch'ei si sente meschino<sup>3)</sup>; potrà essere onesto, ma è senza dubbio debole.

Questa ricerca di plauso, questa vanità del successo, in fondo non è altro che povertà, insufficienza, impotenza.

Nel detto antico: virtù basta a se stessa, è racchiusa una profonda conoscenza dell'intelletto umano, che tanto più si appaga<sup>4)</sup> quanto maggiormente si nutre di sè. L'importante è di non mettersi dalla parte del torto. Gl'insulti, la malignità, tutto è niente quando la ragione è nostra. La migliore risposta che si possa dare ad una parola bassa è un fatto magnanimo. Gli insulti appartengono a chi li dice od a chi li fa. Noi soli siamo i padroni delle nostre parole e dei nostri atti. Essere malcontenti e tormentati dalla condotta altrui è un

1) does not care. 2) wealth. 3) petty, miserable. 4) is satisfied.



affanno volgare. Il solo affanno che ti auguro di non provare mai è il malcontento di te stesso. *Neera*<sup>5</sup>).

5) Pseudonym of Anna Radius, a distinguished Milanese authoress.

### Diálogo.

Di che cosa non si cura l'uomo superiore?  
 E per qual ragione?  
 Che bisogna fare però per usare di questo diritto?  
 Chi può bastare a se stesso?  
 E chi soltanto può fare a meno del plauso della folla?  
 Che dirai di chi va in cerca della lode altrui?  
 Qual cosa è in fondo la ricerca del plauso e della lode?  
 Che racchiudesi nel detto antico: virtù basta a se stessa?  
 Che importa sopra tutto di fare per aver sempre ragione?  
 Su chi ricadono sempre gl'insulti?  
 Di chi non bisogna mai essere malcontento?

## Twentieth Lesson.

### Moods. The use of the Tenses.

The Italian language has, like English, four moods, viz.:

1. the *Indicative*;
2. the *Subjunctive*;
3. the *Conditional*;
4. the *Imperative*.

### I. The Indicative Mood.

This mood represents an action as *positive* and *beyond all doubt*. Italian writers are stricter than the English in the use of this mood, and therefore employ it also after conjunctions which usually govern the Subjunctive Mood. Ex.:

*So ch'egli è ammalato.*

I know that he is ill.

### Use of the Tenses of the Indicative Mood.

§ 1. The Present represents an action as being just performed, and the state or condition as a lasting one. Thus: *io amo*, I love; *io parlo*, I speak; *egli dorme*, he sleeps.

§ 2. In animated language the *Presente* is used instead of the *Passato*. The *Presente* is then called *Historical present*.

*Entro nella stanza, le finestre ne sono chiuse e sotto il letto trovo un uomo coperto di cenci.*

§ 3. In conversation the *Present* is occasionally used for the *Future*, as:

*Che dirà il padre, quanto sente (or sentirà) . . . ?*

What will the father say when he hears (will hear) . . . ?

*La posta non viene che domani.*

The post will not come until to-morrow.

§ 4. Sometimes the *Infinitive* is used instead of the *Present*, mostly in somewhat animated descriptions, as:

*Mezz'ora dappoi, ecco stridere le chiavi, la porta s'apre . . .*

Half an hour afterwards, I hear the keys rattle, the door opens . . .

§ 5. The *Perfect* appears as a transitory tense. It denotes that an action, though entirely accomplished, still continues in the *Present* by its consequences. Ex.:

*Io ho comprato un libro.*

I have bought a book (and therefore now have it).

For further remarks on this tense see § 8.

### Tenses of the *Past*.

§ 6. The use of these tenses (*Imperfect*, *Histor. Perfect*, *Perfect*, *Pluperfect* and *Histor. Pluperfect*) is somewhat difficult, as some of them are wanting in English. Let the student, therefore, well consider:

1. whether the action stands *by itself*, or
2. whether it refers to *another* action. In this latter case let him further distinguish:
  - a) whether both actions are performed *at the same time* or
  - b) whether one is performed *after* the other;
3. whether an action, though *accomplished*, still lasts in the *presence of the speaker*;
4. whether an action has been performed in the *presence of the speaker*, or whether it is only *related* to him.

§ 7. The *Imperfect*.

This tense is used:

1. In *descriptions of character, manners, landscape etc.*, and represents an action as *often repeated*. Ex.:

*La moglie del carceriere soleva portarmi il caffè mattina e dopo pranzo; la seguivano ordinariamente sua figlia ed i due figliuoli. Si rittravano poi colla madre e si rivoltavano a guardarmi dolcemente.*

2. If two *actions* are represented as being performed at, or as lasting during the same time:

*Gli uni giuocavano mentre gli altri ballavano.*

Some were playing whilst the others were dancing.

3. If one action is *interrupted* by another, the *Imperfect* denotes the action that was still going on when the other began. Ex.:

*Io pranzava* (lasting state) *allorchè egli entrò* (interruption).

I was dining when he entered.

*Lo sorpresi mentre egli scriveva.*

I surprised him when he was writing.

*Note.* The learner will be sure to know what tense should be employed, if he takes the English *present participle* with the auxiliary *to be*. Thus in the first of the above sentences the verb *io pranzava* might be easily periphrased:

I was dining (*Imperf.*) when he entered (*Hist. Perf.*); but not:

I dined when he was entering.

In this case the *pres. part.* is a sure indication.

4. The *Imperfect* is used for all actions that do not immediately belong to the relation, but are added by the speaker in order to express the *accessory circumstances* or his *own meaning*. Ex.:

*La ricordanza m'affliggeva e m'inteneriva. Ma pensai anche alla sorte di tanti amici miei e non seppi più giudicare con indulgenza alcuno dei miei avversarii. Iddio mi metteva ad una gran prova! Mio debito sarebbe stato di sostenerla con virtù. Non potei, non volli. La voluttà dell'odio mi piacque più del perdono: passai una notte d'inferno.*

Here *pensai, seppi, potei, volli, piacque, passai* state the principal facts, whilst *affliggeva, inteneriva, metteva* introduce explanations.

5. Moreover, the *Imperfect* is used where English often has the Imperfect *could* or *should*, as:

*Dovevate dirmelo subito*, you should have told me so directly.

### § 8. The *Historical Perfect*.

It expresses actions *following* one another. It is mainly the *historical* tense and therefore used:

1. To mark a time positively fixed, entirely elapsed, that has nothing to do with the time at present spoken of. Ex.:

*Fui a Roma l'anno scorso.*

I was at Rome last year.

*Partimmo il 20 Ottobre.*

We departed on the 20th of October.

*Dopo la morte d'Aristide, Cimone s'impadronì del governo.*

After the death of Aristides, Cimon made himself master of the government.

The two first of the above sentences express actions that are wholly unconnected with other actions preceding or following. *Io era a Roma* seems to require something more, f. inst.: *quando mi giunse la vostra lettera*, when I got your letter. Such is also the case with the second sentence. In the third the *Pass. rem.* is used, because the action denoted by *s'impadronì* could by no means be a lasting one.

2. The *Histor. Perfect* is further used in *accessory* sentences beginning with one of the conjunctions *dacchè*, *quando*, *tosto che*, *dopo che*, because these conjunctions express the *beginning* or *end* of an action. Ex.:

*Tosto che Santippa scorse\*) i discépoli di Socrate, sciamò.*

As soon as Xantippe saw the disciples of S., she exclaimed.

*Dacchè mi vide, mi porse la mano.*

As soon as he saw me, he held out his hand to me.

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\*) Some modern Italian authors often put this accent (') on one of two words which would otherwise be written alike. In this case it indicates that ò has an open sound. Such are: *scorsi*, I perceived; *scorsi*, I ran through; *tòrre*, to take away; *torre*, tower; *còlto* (from *cogliere*); *colto* cultivated.

§ 9. The *Perfect*.

This tense implies *actions* or *events* already past, the consequences of which, however, may still be seen or felt in the present. Ex.:

*Ho perduto i miei figli.*

I have lost my children (= I have none at present).

*Ho rinunciato ai miei diritti.*

I have renounced my claims (= I am now without any).

Again, this tense expresses an action or state already past, but which took place at a period not yet expired. Such periods are: *to-day, this morning (evening), this week, this month, this year, this century*, etc. In this case, however, the *Hist. Perf.* may be used with equal propriety.

*Siete stato al teatro stasera?*

Have you been (were you) at the theatre to-night?

*Non vi ho mai veduto quest'anno.*

I have never seen you this year.

§ 10. The *Pluperfect* and *Historical Pluperfect*.

These tenses are compounds of the *Imperfect* and *Hist. Perfect*, and are used in a similar way. The speaker considers himself to be in a time past, and the action or state expressed by the *Pluperfect* or *Histor. Pluperfect* appears previous to this time past.

If, therefore, something appears as an *historical fact*, or if the time is *positively fixed*, the *Histor. Pluperfect* should be used. Such is the case after adverbs and conjunctions denoting time, as: *tostochè, dacchè, appena, un giorno*, etc. Ex.:

*Tosto che ebbi terminato i miei affari, ripartii.*

As soon as I had finished my business, I set out again.

*Appena ebbe pronunciato questa voce, ch'egli se ne pentì.*

Scarcely had he uttered these words, when he repented (of them).

In both sentences the actions appear closely connected, the latter (*ripartii, pentì*) arising from the former and being of short duration.

When expressed with the *Pluperfect*, the actions do not appear so closely following one another; therefore this tense, like the *Imperfect*, is the *descriptive*,

tense and marks a *lasting state* and *frequent repetition* or *habit*. Ex.:

*Aveva già terminato i miei affari, quando ricevetti la vostra lettera.*

I had already finished my business, when I got your letter.

*In campagna, quand' io aveva pranzato, faceva un giro (walk) d'un' ora.*

In the country, after having dined, I used to take a walk for an hour.

But:

*Un giorno che ebbi bene pranzato, feci un giro.*

In the former of the two last sentences, the action is represented as frequently repeated, even as a habit; whilst in the latter, it appears as a single incident that once happened: therefore the *Histor. Pluperfect*.

### Future tenses.

§ 11. The *Future* is generally employed:

1. To denote events or actions still to come. Ex.:

*Carlo partirà domani. Vi scriverò fra poco.*

2. After the verb *si dice*, it is said, where in English the Infinitive Mood with *to* follows. Ex.:

The general is expected (to come still) to-day.

*Si dice che il generale arriverà oggi* (lit.: one says that the general will come to-day).

3. Sometimes the Future has the meaning of an *Imperative*, as:

*Padre e madre onorerai*, thou shalt honour father and mother.

*Là, ci darem le mani*, come, let us shake hands!

*NB.* A Future with the accessory idea of *compulsion* or *prohibition* is expressed by *avere da* (*a*) (see Less. 19, page 313, 6), as:

*Questo matrimonio non s'ha da fare.* (M.)

This marriage must not (= shall not) be concluded.

*In quanto al mio onore, (Ella) ha da sapere che il custode ne son io.* (M.)

As to my honour, (lit.) you have to know that I am its guardian.

4. A Future *close at hand*, which in English is expressed by means of *to be about to . . .* or by one of the adverbs *soon, directly, immediately*, is rendered by *essere* or *stare* with *per* before the Infinitive, or phrased with *essere sul punto di . . .* or *essere in procinto di . . .* Ex.:

*Egli sta or è per morire*, he will soon die (French: *il va mourir*).

*Io sono per dirvi*, I am about to tell you.

*Sono sul punto (in procinto) d'andarvi*.

I shall go there directly.

5. The verb *volere* (see Less. 19, II. P.). This verb, over and above the idea of Futurity, denotes the secondary idea of *disapprobation*. Ex.:

*Così non vogliam far niente*.

In this way we shall not succeed.

§ 12. The *Comp. Future* marks an action that is to follow another future one, as:

*Quando avrò letto la lettera, ve la renderò*.

When I (shall) have read the letter, I'll give it back to you.

*Tostochè gli avrò scritto, io manderò la lettera alla posta*.

*Note.* Very often the *compound Future* expresses nothing else but the *simple tense*, and, likewise, the *compound Conditional* nothing else but the *simple Conditional*, as:

*Continua nella tua mala condotta, e mi avrai spezzato il cuore*.

If you continue in your bad behaviour, you will break my heart.

This anomaly may be thus explained that from their vivid imagination the Italians represent the action or state expressed by the Future as already *transacted*, so that the meaning of the above sentence is properly:

If you . . ., (the time will come) when you *will have broken* my heart.

## II. The Conditional Mood

sometimes expresses *doubt* or *uncertainty*, as:

*È a casa?* Is he at home?

*Non saprei.* I can't tell you (*je ne saurais vous le dire*).

*Chi lo direbbe?* Who would ever have thought it!

*Dovrei conoscere questa signora.*

I ought to know (I think I know) this lady.

By a peculiar construction (an imitation of the Latin), the *Imperfect Indicative* is used instead of the «*Pluperfect Subjunctive*» in the subordinate clause, and in lieu of the «*Conditional*» in the principal sentence. Thus instead of:

*Se mi avesse interrogato, io gli avrei risposto.*

If he had asked me, I should have answered him,  
we very often meet with:

*Se m'interrogava, io gli rispondeva.*

Less frequently the *Imperfect* alone is used in the subordinate clause, as:

*Se m'interrogava, gli avrei risposto.*

And very seldom the *principal* sentence alone is expressed with the *Imperfect Indic.*, as:

*E lo facea, ma'l re Sobrin lo tenne* (Ariosto 40, 36).

And he would have done it, but King S. withheld him.

### III. The Imperative Mood.

In this both languages show no want of conformity. If, as with *Ella*, you, the third person Singular is requisite, it should be taken from the Subjunctive Mood, as:

*Mi dia un bicchiere d'acqua.*

Please give me a glass of water.

*Note.* 1. The four verbs *avere*, *essere*, *sapere*, and *volere* form their second person Pl. of the *Imperative* with the second person Pl. of the *Subjunctive*. Thus:

*Abbiate pazienza!* Be patient! *Siate gentile!* Be kind!

*Sappiate vincere le vostre male inclinazioni!*

*Crediate* (also *Credete*) *che ho ragione io.*

2. If an affirmative Imperative is followed by a negative one, the negation *nè* with the *Infinitive* following may be used instead of *e non*. Thus:

*Scappa, galantuomo, nè guardar indietro!*

Run away, man, and don't look behind you!

#### Traduzione. 118.

Dante Alighieri, the author of the majestic epic poem (*epopéa*): 'Hell, Purgatory and Heaven', is not only the father



of the Italian language (*itala favella*), but also one of the greatest poets that the world ever saw (*Subj.*). His immortal poem gave birth to (*transl.* from his immortal poem went forth) those wonderful creations (*figure di*) Francesca da Rimini, Pia dei Tolomei and the horrible Myrrha (*Mirra*), to whom (*Plur.*) the genius of Adelaide Ristori inspired [a] new life in our days. Dante was at once a poet and a warrior, like Camoens, the author of the *Lusiade*, and Cervantes, the author of *Don Quixote* (*del Don Chisciotte*). His *terzinas* have ever since been the pride of Italy, and though they drew upon him the hatred of his contemporaries, yet they crowned with immortal laurels the head of the king of poets. — Torquato Tasso, the poet of Jerusalem Delivered, lived at the court of Alphonso of Este, to whom he dedicated his beautiful poem. A few days before his death he was to be crowned at the Capitol as the (*quale*) first of Italian poets, but, alas! the laurel which the pope sent to the dying poet, came only in time to adorn his coffin. Tasso's stanzas breathe a harmony that even (*anche*) the best translation cannot render.

## 114.

My country has been ungrateful towards me, although I have rendered her the greatest services. The king has done me the greatest injustice; he has deprived me of my whole fortune, and has even robbed (*privato*) me [of] both my faithful servants. I have been obliged to flee, in order to preserve my life, which was seriously threatened. What I should have done? You ought to have suffered every injury before you (*piuttosto che* with Infinitive following) rebelled against (*venir meno*) the greatness of your house. When you were persecuted, you might have retired (yourself); it would have been better to be poor and obscure, than to attack (*volger le armi contro*) your own country. Even in poverty and exile your glory would not have been lost. — By their pride the Tyrians had incurred the wrath of the great king Sesostriis, who then reigned over Egypt, and had conquered many kingdoms. The riches they had earned by their commerce, and the strong position of their town, situated on the sea, had rendered this nation very overbearing. They had refused to pay the tribute Sesostriis had imposed on them; they had sent troops to his brother, who at his return would have killed him in the midst of the joys of a great festival (*banchetto*). No sooner did Sesostriis know this (*transl.* as soon as . . .), [than] he proposed to bow down their pride and to ruin their whole maritime commerce.

## Reading Exercise. 115.

## I Crociati a Gerusalemme.

Ali ha ciascuno al core ed ali al piede,  
 Nè del suo ratto andar però s'accorge:  
 Ma quando il sol gli aridi campi fiede<sup>1)</sup>  
 Con raggi assai ferventi, e in alto sorge,  
 Ecco apparir Gerusalem si vede,  
 Ecco additar Gerusalem si scorge;  
 Ecco da mille voci unitamente  
 Gerusalemme salutar si sente.

Così di naviganti audace stuolo<sup>2)</sup>,  
 Che mova a ricercar estranio lido  
 E in mar dubbioso e sotto ignoto polo  
 Provi l'onde fallaci e 'l vento infido,  
 S'alfin discopre il desiato suolo,  
 Il saluta da lunge in lieto grido;  
 E l'uno all'altro il mostra, e intanto oblia  
 La noia e 'l mal della passata via.

Al gran piacer che quella prima vista  
 Dolcemente spirò nell'altrui petto,  
 Alta contrizion successe, mista  
 Di timoroso e reverente affetto:  
 Osano appena d'innalzar la vista  
 Vèr la città, di Cristo albergo<sup>3)</sup> eletto,  
 Dove morì, dove sepolto fue,  
 Dove poi rivestì le membra sue<sup>4)</sup>.

Sommessi accenti e tacite parole,  
 Rotti singulti e flebili sospiri  
 Della gente che in un s'allegra e duole<sup>5)</sup>;  
 Fan che per l'aria un mormorio s'aggiri,  
 Qual nelle folte selve udir si suole,  
 S'avvien che tra le fronde il vento spiri;  
 O quale infra gli scogli e presso ai lidi  
 Sibila il mar percosso in rauchi stridi.

*Torquato Tasso<sup>6)</sup>.*

1) *for* ferisce *it wounds*, here *it burns*. 2) crowd, troop.  
 3) sojourn. 4) where He resuscitated. 5) who laugh and weep  
 at one time. 6) One of the greatest Italian poets, born 1544,  
 died 1595.

## Twenty-first Lesson.

### IV. Consecution of Tenses.

The learner will have noticed that in Italian the Subjunctive Mood is much oftener employed than in English, and that its use presents some difficulty. Further observations are to be made concerning the *Tenses* of the verb in the subordinate clause.

*Rule I\**). If the verb of the *principal* sentence appears in the *Present* or *Future*, the verb of the *subordinate* clause should either be in the *Present* or the *Perfect* (of either *Indicative* or *Subjunctive*, accordingly), as:

*Scrive che parte domani da Roma.*

He writes that he departs to-morrow from Rome.

*Conoscete qualcuno che sappia farlo?*

Do you know anybody that will be able to do it?

*Gli dirò che tu desideri vederlo.*

I shall tell him that you wish to see him.

*Aspetterò finchè mio padre sia uscito.*

I shall wait till my father is gone out.

*Rule II.* If the verb of the *principal* sentence stands in the *Imperfect*, *Conditional*, *Histor. Perfect*, *Perfect*, *Pluperfect* or *Histor. Pluperfect*, the verb of the accessory sentence should follow in the *Imperfect* or the *Passato* of the *Subjunctive* or *Indicative*, accordingly, as:

*Lo fece senza ch'io lo sapessi.*

He did it without my knowing it\*\*).

*Gli scrissi che lo aspettavo per la fine del mese.*

I wrote him that I expected him by the end of the month.

*Non aveva pensato ch'Ella gli avesse scritto.*

I did not think that you had written him.

*Io temeva ch'egli lo facesse.*

I was afraid he would do it.

*Vorrei ch'egli venisse, I wish he would come.*

*L'ho avvertito che la casa era venduta.*

I (have) informed him that the house is sold.

\*) Rules I and II are the same as in French.

\*\*) Liter.: without *that I knew it*.

**Rule III.** The *Perfect* is followed by the *Present*, if the subordinate sentence contains a present action or state, and by the *Past*, if the accessory action or state appears to be past. Ex.:

*Iddio ci ha dato la ragione affinché ce ne serviamo.*

God has given us reason that we may make use of it.

*Ho sempre detto che voi non vi siete stati.*

I have always said that you were not there.

**Note.** It must be distinctly understood that here also the *actual* time decides, which tense should be used. Thus it may happen, that the *Present* of the principal sentence is followed by the *Imperf. Subj.* in the accessory sentence, as: *temo ch'egli non mi capisse*, I am afraid (I fear), he did not understand me. *Non nego che ciò non potesse contribuire alla di lui riputazione*, I do not deny that this circumstance could not contribute to his renown. Likewise the *Conditional Mood* may be followed by the *Present Subj.*, as: *si crederebbe che non abbiamo fatto il nostro dovere*, one might think, that we have not done our duty.

## V. The Subjunctive Mood.

Any action or state that does not appear to be quite *sure*, but is represented as *possible* or *uncertain*; besides, *consequences* resulting from any *sentiment* or *thought* should be expressed by the Subjunctive Mood. In Italian, this Mood, which is very seldom used in English, is strictly observed, still more so than in French, and is one of the greatest beauties of the language, as it serves to modify the idea far more than is usual with the English Subjunctive. This is also the reason why the English verbs *could*, *would*, *should*, *may*, *might*, *must*, etc. are usually omitted and their meaning rendered by the Italian Subjunctive. The learner who is acquainted with the French language, will find a great analogy between both idioms, and will seldom be mistaken in using the Italian Subjunctive in cases, where he would employ the French *Subjunctive*.

Thus the Subjunctive occurs:

1. After verbs implying command, desire, etc., as: *volere*, *pretendere*, *desiderare*, *bramare* (to wish eagerly), *chiedere*, *esigere*, *comandare*, *proibire*, and after the *Imperative Mood*. Ex.:

*Chiedo ch'egli m'ubbidisca.*

I desire that he obey me.

*Egli voleva ch'io gli dicessi la verità.*

He would that I should tell him the truth.

*Ditegli che venga,* tell him to come.

*Mi dica dov'egli sia,* tell me where he is.

2. After verbs expressing doubt, denial etc., as: *negare, dubitare, essere incerto*, etc.; in which case the English whether is rendered by *che*. Ex.:

*Dubito che suo fratello venga.*

I doubt whether your brother will come.

*Nego che mio figlio abbia fatto ciò.*

I deny that my son has done that.

Sometimes and especially in poetry, *che* is omitted before the Subj. Mood, as in English. Ex.:

*Temendo no'l mio dir gli fusse (fosse) grave.* (Dante.)

Fearing lest my words offend him.

*Se*, too, is very frequently omitted in *exclamatory* sentences, as:

*(Se) Almeno si trovassero libri a buon prezzo.*

If at least there were some cheap books to be found.

As we hinted before, *che* is sometimes found with the *Indic. Mood*, where *and* is used in English between two *principal* sentences, as:

*Domándami francamente ch'io ti risponderò senza soggezione.*

Ask me freely, *and* I shall answer you sincerely.

3. After all verbs implying belief, opinion, etc., when the action of the subordinate sentence appears somewhat *uncertain*, as:

*Credo che mio fratello sia partito.*

I believe that my brother has departed.

*Mi pare ch'egli non abbia voglia di studiare.*

It seems to me that he has no mind to learn.

*Pretese che mi fossi divertito assai.*

He pretended I had enjoyed myself perfectly.

Note 1. If, however, the accessory sentence represents the action as *beyond all doubt*, the *Indicative* should, of course, be used, as:

*Credimi che ti amo.* Believe me that I love you.

*L'assicuro che sto perfettamente bene.*

I assure you that I am quite well.

*Note 2.* As the *Future* has no Subjunctive Mood, the verb of the subordinate sentence, when expressing a future action or state, appears in the *Future Indicative*, but may also be put in the *Subjunctive Present*, as:

*Non credo che verrà or che venga domani.*

I do not think that he will come to-morrow.

4. After verbs denoting fear, lamentation, sorrow, astonishment, rapture, etc., as: *temere*, *aver paura*, *tremare* (to tremble), *essere sorpreso*, *rapito*, *maravigliarsi*, *rallegrarsi*, *rincrescere*, etc. Ex.:

*Temo che piova*, I am afraid it will rain.

*Mi maraviglio ch'egli non sia ancora giunto.*

I am surprised that he has not yet arrived.

5. After impersonal verbs like *bisogna*, *conviene*, *importa*, *basta*, *è meglio*, and likewise after *è* when forming adverbial expressions, like *è peccato*, it is a pity, *è possibile*, *è naturale*, *è giusto*, *non è vero*, etc. Ex.:

*Bisogna ch'egli venga domani.*

He must come to-morrow.

*Basta che mi dica una parola.*

(lit. It is sufficient that he tell me one word.) If he'll only tell me one word.

*È peccato che non sia venuta ieri.*

It is a pity that you did not come yesterday.

6. In relative clauses, beginning with *il quale*, *che*, *dove* (*ove*), *donde* (*onde*), and depending on principal sentences implying expectation, purpose, choice, etc. Ex.:

*Prenderò qualcuno che conosca bene la strada.*

I shall take some one who knows the street well.

*Scelga un alloggio dove (Ella) possa stare più tranquilla.*

Choose lodgings where you may live more at your ease.

If, however, the relative sentence expresses something certain, its verb appears in the Indicative, as:

*Mostratemi la casa dove sta il conte B.*

Show me the house where Count B. lives.

7. Moreover, the Subjunctive is used after the Superlative\*), after *il primo*, *l'ultimo*, *unico*, *solo*, *nessuno*, *niente*, and a few others, as:

\*) After the Superlative of an adverb, on the contrary, the Indicative is used. Ex.: *Ci vado più spesso che posso*, I go there as often as I can.

*Tu sei l'unico amico di cui possa fidarmi.*

You are the only friend on whom I can depend.

*Questa è una delle ultime lettere che abbia scritte San Paolo.*

This is one of the last letters St. Paul wrote.

*Note.* Here also the Indicative Mood may be used, when the action is represented as quite certain or as an *historical fact*, as:

*Nerone è il primo imperatore che ha perseguitato i cristiani.*

Nero was the first emperor that persecuted the Christians.

8. Finally, the *Subjunctive* is used, as in English, after all adverbs and pronouns that denote something vague or indistinct, as:

*Chiunque sia non voglio vederlo.*

Whoever it be, I won't see him.

*Qualunque sia la tua sorte.*

Whatever be your fate.

9. An absolute *Subjunctive Mood* is found in sentences denoting desire, permission, invitation, apprehensive questions, and anger, as:

*Volesse Iddio!* Heaven grant!

*Venga pure!* Do but come!

*Favorisca entrare!* Please to walk in!

*Fosse mai egli quel tremendo tiranno?*

Should he indeed be that terrible tyrant?

*Ma che\*) non possano mai vivere in pace queste due creature! (Gold.)*

Cannot these two creatures live in peace!

#### Traduzione. 116.

The means of communication are so developed now-a-days, that one can everywhere get to know what passes in the world. (The) christian love requires (*volere*) that one should love one's neighbour as oneself. I have long since (*transl.* It is already long time that I . . .) informed your brother that the gentleman, with whom he was in connection, has no good reputation, and I wonder that he has not broken off his connections with him. Napoleon implored on his death-bed that his bones should be brought back to Paris. The laws require (*vogliono*) that by his wisdom and moderation one man

\*) Such optative sentences are sometimes introduced with: *ma che*, instead of: *che*.

should conduce to the happiness of many, but not that many men should serve to flatter the pride and effeminacy of a single one. (The) Providence has allowed that the barbarians (should destroy) destroyed the Roman empire, and thus revenged the conquered universe. It is enough that you are poor; I shall provide for you. I should be sorry (*m'increscerebbe*), if you departed without bidding me farewell. Nobody was found that would kill Marius. (The) laws forbid to injure one's neighbour. Every father wishes that his children should be obedient, should learn in school and make their way in the world. I am glad that you (have) carried the lawsuit; I have indeed never been afraid that it would not turn out in favour of you (*avere esito favorevole per*). Send me a servant who knows how to serve (wait) at table. Name any master to me, whose instruction is as useful as that of (the) experience. (The) youth is the only time of life when (the) man may easily correct himself. (The) man is the only being that destroys himself in a state of absolute liberty. I should like to find a book that could serve me as a guide in my travels. (The) Don Quixote of Miguel (*Michele*) Cervantes de Saavedra is the finest book that (the) humour (*umorismo*) ever inspired to (the) genius. Espronceda, Zorilla, and Hartzembusch are the greatest poets that modern Spain can boast (*gloriarsi*) of.

## 117.

«My body», said (the) Marshal (of) Biron to his judges, «has no vein that has not bled for you.» Victor Emanuel the Second was the first Italian king who was interred in Rome. The Bible is the best book (which) one can read. Rome possesses the richest libraries in the world (which are in the w.). It is a shame that among this people there is still so much superstition; it were time to root it out. [It] is time to go home, for it begins to rain. [It] is evident that Greece could not defend herself any longer, so much had she then decayed. Do you think he will execute your orders? I do not think he will do so (*transl. it*). [It] is sufficient to (*transl. that you . . .*) tell (him so) it him. [It] is a pity that you did not come with us, you would have had much pleasure. Are you sure (*E' ella sicura*) that it is so late? I am sure it is already 12 o'clock. The contemporaries of Columbus did not know that there was still a fourth part of the world to discover. The Americans were convinced that Columbus and his companions knew how to produce thunder and lightning. I doubt whether riches can give happiness. That is the most amusing book I have ever read. They say that the last war had been long planned. Believe me that I did it only for your sake (*per amor Suo*).



### 10. Conjunctions that govern the *Subjunctive*.

The Italian language has a great many conjunctions that require the Subjunctive Mood after them. We here give those most in use:

<i>Benchè</i>	}	though, although.	<i>Posto che</i>	}	suppose that.
<i>Abbenchè</i>			<i>Supposto che</i>		
<i>Sebbene</i>			<i>Dato che</i>		
<i>Quantunque</i>			<i>Anzi che</i> , still before.		
<i>Tutto che</i>			<i>Finchè*</i>	}	till.
<i>Non ostante che</i>			<i>Sinchè*</i>		
<i>Con tutto che</i>			<i>Fintantochè</i>	}	in case that . . .
<i>Malgrado che</i>			<i>In caso che</i>		
<i>Arvegna che</i>			<i>(Caso che)</i>		
<i>Ancorchè</i>	}	so that . . .	<i>Posto il caso che</i>	}	that . . .
<i>Quand'anche</i> , even if, though.			<i>Senza che</i> , without . . .		
<i>Acciocchè</i>	}	provided.	<i>Non che</i> , not as if . . . , not as though.		
<i>Affinchè</i>			<i>A meno che</i> , unless.		
<i>Purchè</i>					
<i>Solamente che</i>					
<i>Solo che</i>					

*Supposto ch'egli l'abbia fatto*, suppose he has done it.  
*Quand'anche non l'avessi detto*, even if I had not  
said so.

*Benchè me l'abbia promesso*.  
Though he has promised it to me.

*Supposto che questo racconto sia vero*.  
Provided this tale be true.

*Affinchè voi lo sappiate* that you may know it.  
*Senza ch'io ci pensassi*, without my thinking of it\*\*).  
*Purchè me lo dia*, he will but give it me.  
*In caso ch'egli muoia*, in case he should die.

*Non vogliam fargli del male, purchè abbia giudizio*. (M.)  
We will not do him any harm, provided he be reasonable.

11. Frequently in the subordinate sentence the simple conjunction *che* replaces its compound, in order to avoid repetition. Ex.:

\*) These words may also be followed by the Indicative, if the sentence relates to a bygone time. Ex.: *Combattermmo finchè potemmo*, we fought as long as we could.

\*\*) If in English the *pres. partic.* is found after one of these conjunctions, it should always be rendered by the *Subjunctive*.

*Benchè egli mi abbia detto la verità, e che io gli creda perfettamente.*

Though he have told me the truth, and though I perfectly believe him.

*Note.* *Chè* loses its accent when written *separately*. Thus: *fantantochè* but: *fino a tanto che*. If, however, *che* is used instead of *perchè*, it is written *with* the accent.

*E inutile mi scriviate, chè già non vi credo.*

**Traduzione. 118.**

I can't depend on your words, unless you make me a formal promise. This impudent fellow has not ceased to annoy me with his letters, though he knew I was not able to do anything for him. A thoughtless man does not draw any advantage from his studies, in spite of the time spent upon them; in the same manner a great many persons continue to be (*restare*) ignorant, though they have travelled through the most civilized countries. I shall pay a visit to your uncle, before he departs. Our cousin is very rich; in case he dies (should die) without children, his fortune will fall to us. I cannot pardon you, unless you have freely confessed your faults and given me the promise to amend your behaviour. Provided he give me the slightest notice of his state, I will no longer complain of his silence. Wait till we come! I shall wait till you have done. My brother-in-law will come to-day, if he is not prevented.

**Traduzioni promiscue. 119.**

We don't deny that you are right, but we doubt whether (*che*) you will gain your cause. I am afraid he will not keep his word, though I do not doubt (that) he has had the best intentions. Your father does not doubt (that) you will take all possible pains to answer his expectations. I don't deny (that) you have written to me, but I could not answer you, because I was ill [*transl.* by (*per*) reason of illness]. May God grant that my presentiment may be fulfilled! This great man died at a very advanced age; may he rest (*riposare*) in peace! He hid himself, because he was afraid he would be detained by force. Whoever stands, must take care that he does not fall. The Mussulmans don't deny that Jesus is a great prophet, but they deny him to be the Son of God. In case you cannot come, inform me in order that I may not wait in vain for you. Is the (*Signor*) Doctor at home? Yes, enter, if you please, into this room and take a seat.

**120.**

A big cheesemonger who had the habit (*il vizzo*) of talking (*Infìn.* with *di*) to (*fra*) himself, one day went on his

mare to town. The weather was very hot, and he became [tr. *had thirst*] thirsty. Near the road he perceived a cherry-tree hanging full (*cárico*) of ripe cherries. He had a desire (*voglia*, f.) to eat some of them, though in general he was no great friend of cherries. In order to get up at the fruit, he placed himself upright (*in piedi*) in the saddle. The cherry-tree stood in the middle of a large thorn-hedge. The good man, looking round about him, admired the patience of his mare. 'I should be in a nice predicament', thought he, 'if now somebody would cry: «gee ho!» to my horse.' Unfortunately he pronounced the word so loud, that the mare began to go at a trot, and left the cheesemonger in the midst of the thorns.

## 121.

Anaxamenes saved, by a device, his native town, from (a) great danger. The inhabitants of Lampsacus (*Lánsaco*) had always taken the part of Darius against Alexander. After having conquered Darius, Alexander, full of anger, prepared to (*andava*) take dreadful vengeance on (*di*) the Lampsaceni-ans. Anaxamenes, who had been Alexander's teacher, went to meet him, with the intention to prevent, if it were possible, the destruction of Lampsacus. Alexander hearing of this design, turned round to his army and swore by all the Gods, he would do just the contrary of (that) what Anaxamenes should demand (*Impf. Subj.*). Informed of this oath, Anaxamenes presented himself to Alexander, and was, as usually, kindly received. Being asked by the king, what news he brought, and what he had (*essere*) resolved to do, he said: "I come, oh invincible (*invittissimo*) king, to beg thee, (that) thou mightst order Lampsacus to be\*) destroyed from the summit to its very foundations (*infino dalle fondamenta*), and every house [to be] plundered (*Infin.*), that thou mightst respect (*aver riguardo a . . .*) neither temples, nor men, nor women, nor age, but destroy all with fire and sword (*mettere a ferro e fuoco*)!" It is said (*si dice*) that Alexander, surprised by this device and bound by his oath, generously pardoned the Lampsaceni-ans.

## Reading Exercise. 122.

Lettera di Massimo Azeglio<sup>1</sup>) a sua figlia Alessandrina.

Roma, 5 febbraio 1848.

Cara Rina,

Nell'ultima tua una cosa particolarmente mi ha fatto piacere, quando, cioè, confessi che non hai fatto ciò che po-

1) Born 1801, died 1866, a distinguished writer and famous statesman of liberal tendencies.

tresti per correggere il tuo carattere. Questa confessione è bella e buona<sup>2)</sup>, ma non basta, e vorrei che pensassi seriamente a cavarne la sua conseguenza naturale. Pel passato ho sempre notato che hai delle epoche in cui sembra che ti scordi di tutti i proponimenti fatti, ed invece di progredire, ritorni indietro. Finchè eri bambina, la cosa si poteva spiegare; ma, a quindici anni compiuti, comincia ad avere assai dello strano. Sempre io e la mammina<sup>3)</sup> e le maestre abbiamo dovuto battere sul tasto della compiacenza, dell'amabilità colle tue compagne; sulla pieghevolezza, la docilità e tutte quelle buone qualità che vengono distrutte dalla superbia. Finchè eri bambina, ripeto, la cosa si poteva tollerare; ma ora che hai l'età di capire, comincia a diventare per lo meno molto ridicola. Devi sapere che viviamo in un tempo in cui l'orgoglio, anche in una regina, è ridicolo, e, quel che è peggio, odioso. E tu, per tua fortuna e mia, sei molto lontano dall'essere una regina. Sei figlia di chi ha riputazione di essere un galantuomo, e anche, se vuoi, è sufficientemente stimato e ben veduto; ma tutto ciò non ti dà titolo per crederti dappiù di un'altra o qualche cosa di grande. E supponendo che nella stima della quale molti mi onorano, ci fosse giustizia, e non, come credo, indulgenza; e che realmente meritassi qualche cosa, sarebbe tutto affar mio individuale, e tu non ci entreresti. E pensa che la stima si merita colle proprie opere, e non coll'essere nè figlia, nè sorella, nè moglie di chi l'ha meritata. Pensa a tutto ciò, Rina mia; e se non capisci bene tutto il senso delle mie parole, fattelo spiegare dalla tua maestra e fanne profitto; e Dio ti benedica.

2) is very fair. 3) your dear mamma.

#### Diálogo.

Di chi è questa lettera e a chi è diretta?

Che cosa fece particolarmente piacere allo scrivente?

Quale confessione della signorina D'Azeglio è bella e buona?

Su che cosa Massimo D'Azeglio e la sua signora avevano sempre insistito colla loro figliuola?

Da che vengono distrutte tutte queste belle qualità?

Puossi tollerare la superbia in una giovinetta educata?

Sarebbe tollerabile in una regina al giorno d'oggi?

In qual maniera modesta parla lo scrivente di se stesso?

In che modo si merita la stima altrui?

## Twenty-second Lesson.

### The Infinitive Mood.

In all languages the Infinitive is the most general form of the verb, and therefore imports *action* or *being*, without any reference to *person* and *number*. This mood has much of the character and use of substantives, and like these appears either as the *subject* of the sentence or as a *complement* governed by a preceding word.

If used as a *substantive*, the Italian Infinitive entirely corresponds to the English *present participle* employed in the same way as:

Writing is an art, *lo scrivere è un'arte*.

We distinguish:

#### I. The Absolute Infinitive.

The Infinitive is called absolute, if it is the subject of a sentence, or if it is governed by a preposition. Even then, this Mood, though used as a substantive and sometimes preceded by the article, does not lose its *verbal* nature, and may, therefore govern any complement like a real verb. In English the absolute Infinitive is rendered by the *Infinitive Mood*, or by the *present participle*. Ex.:

*Promettere e dare son cose differenti.*

To promise and to give are different things.

*Il leggere buoni libri\*) è utile alla gioventù.*

Reading (of) good books is useful for young people.

(*Liter.* To read good books etc.)

*Nell'andare a scuola perdei il mio libro.*

On my way to school I lost my book.

*Collo studiare i classici ho migliorato il mio stile.*

By studying the classics, I have improved my style.

*Non mi potei contener dal ridere.*

I could not help laughing.

*Quel vago impallidir. (Petr.)*

That charming turning pale = how charmingly she turned pale.

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\*) Here the Infinitive Mood governs *buoni libri* as its *direct complement*. Yet in this case it would be better to say: *La lettura dei buoni libri* etc.

*Il tramontar del sole.*

The setting of the sun.

*Il far del giorno.*

Daybreak (*liter.* the making of the day).

*È pazzia il voler saper tutto.*

It is foolish if a person will know everything.

(*Liter.* it is foolery to be willing to know etc.)

## II. The Dependent (oblique) Infinitive.

After verbs implying *opinion*, *belief*, *supposition*, the conjunction *che* and the verb of the *subordinate* sentence are often omitted. The *subject* or *nominative* case of the accessory sentence is changed into the *accusative* case and mostly appended to the present participle, as will be seen by the following examples:

*Credendolo galantuomo . . .*

Thinking him to be an honest man = as I think (thought)  
he is (was) an honest man . . .

*Supponendola partita . . .*

Supposing her to be departed = supposing (that) she  
had departed . . .

### a) Infinitive without prepositions.

1. After verbs that require the Infinitive answering the question *what?* (Ex.: *I will . . . what? write*) and where consequently this Mood is considered to be a *true complement*, strictly requisite in order to complete the sense of the verb, the *Infinitive* is used *without* any preposition (as often in English). Such verbs are: *potere*, *sapere* (to be able), *dovere*, *conviene*, *bisogna*, *occorre*, *è d'uopo*, *è di mestiere*, *fa di mestieri* (to be obliged, one must, to need, to be requisite etc.), *volere*<sup>\*)</sup>, *desiderare*<sup>\*\*)</sup>, *bramare*<sup>\*\*)</sup> (to wish, to desire, to be willing etc.); *fare*, *lasciare* (to let, to allow); *parere*<sup>\*\*)</sup>, *sembrare*<sup>\*\*)</sup> (to seem); *ardire*, *osare* (to dare); *solere*, *usare* (to use, to be wont); *dubitare*<sup>\*\*)</sup> (to hesitate). Ex.:

<sup>\*)</sup> We need not observe that if the principal and the accessory sentence have *different* subjects, *volere* requires *che*. Thus:

*Non vuole parlare*, he will not speak.

But: *Non vuole che io parli*, he will not have me speak.

<sup>\*\*) See page 338, b.</sup>

*Voglio scrivere*, I will write.  
*Devo mangiare*, I must eat.  
*Posso andarmene*, I may be gone.  
*Non so scrivere*, I can't write.  
*Non occorre farlo*, it was not necessary to do it.  
*Farò fare*, I'll get (something) made.  
*Lo lascio andare*, I let him go.  
*Bisogna aiutare i poveri*, we ought to assist the poor.  
*Basta dirgli*, it is sufficient to tell him.  
*Egli soleva dire*, he used to (he would) say.  
*Sembra essere triste*, he seems to be sorry, etc. (See page 161, Note.)

2. The Infinitive is used *without* a preposition after *intendere*, *sentire*, *udire*, to hear; *vedere*, to see, as:

*Lo vidi cadere*, I saw him fall.  
*Odo sonare*, I hear (f. i. the bells) ringing.  
*Sento parlare*, I hear (somebody) speak.

3. After the words *che*, what; *chi*, who; *dove*, where; *onde* (*donde*), whence, the Infinitive is often used *elliptically* (without the preposition) (as in French). Ex.:

*Non so ove rifugiarmi.*  
 I don't know where to fly to (= *ove debba rifug.*).  
*Non sapeva che rispondere.*  
 He did not know what to answer.  
*Non abbiamo di che vivere.*  
 We have nothing to live upon.

*Non sapeva a chi rivolgermi.*  
 I did not know to whom I should apply.

4. After *è*, when forming phrases like *è meglio*, *è peggio*, *è più difficile*, *è più facile*, *è pericoloso*, and others of the same kind. Ex.:

*È meglio restar a casa*, it is better to stay indoors.  
*È più facile criticare che far meglio.*

b) Infinitive with the preposition *di*.

1. After verbs denoting *belief*, *opinion*, *hope*, *desire*, *pleasure*, etc. the Infinitive is used *with* or *without* the preposition *di*, as:

*Spero di vederla* or *Spero vederla.*  
 I hope to see you.  
*Bramo di fare* or *Bramo fare la sua conoscenza.*  
 I wish to make his acquaintance.

*Gli spiacque di dover* or *Gli spiacque dover restar soletto*.  
He was displeased that he must remain alone.

*NB.* The construction with *di* is somewhat more elegant, but there is no difference in the signification.

2. As a *complement* of substantives answering the questions *what? what kind of?* *Ex.:*

*L'arte di (dello) scrivere*, the art of writing.  
*Il desiderio di vederla*, the wish (desire) to see you.  
*Ho l'onore di riverirla*, my best compliments.  
(*Lit.* I have the honour to salute you.)

*Note.* When, however, the Infinitive expresses a future action, *da* is used instead of *di*, as: I have three more letters to write, *ho ancora tre lettere da scrivere*.

3. After *adjectives* that require the *genitive* case answering the questions *whereof? whereabouts? wherewith?* Such adjectives are: *desideroso*, *ávido*, desirous; *contento*, satisfied; *malcontento*, discontented; *geloso*, jealous; *impaziente*, impatient; *degno*, worthy; *certo*, *sicuro*, sure, certain (see Less. 4 and 17, II. P.), etc.

*Sono desideroso di vederla.*  
I am desirous to see you.  
*Sono contento d'avergli detto la verità.*  
I am contented to have told him the truth.

4. After all verbs that require the *genitive* after them, as: *godere*, *rallegrarsi*, to rejoice; *maravigliarsi*, to marvel; *pregare*, to pray; *supplicare*, to beseech (see Lesson 17, C. II. P.), and after some *impersonal* verbs like *importa*, it is of importance; *mi tarda*, *non vedo l'ora di...*, I am eager; *conviene\**, it is convenient, etc. *Ex.:*

*Mi sono maravigliato di non trovarla a casa.*  
I was surprised that I did not find you at home.  
*Mi pregò di non abbandonarlo.*  
He begged me not to forsake him.  
*Si pentirà d'averlo detto.*  
He will repent having said so.  
*Egli s'accorse d'aver mancato al suo dovere.*  
He perceived that he had failed in his duty.

5. In *contracted* subordinate sentences beginning with one of the following prepositions, adverbs or con-

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\*) After impersonal verbs the Infinitive frequently occurs without *di*.



junctions requiring the genitive: *prima, invece, a forza, affine* (a fine), *per paura, presso*, etc., as:

*Prima di partire*, before setting out.

*Invece di piangere*, instead of weeping.

*A forza di faticarsi*, owing to much fatigue.

#### Traduzione. 123.

To read and not to understand (*intendere*) is like hunting and not catching (*prendere*). Singing (*Infin.*) delights the heart. Whoever does not his duty, is not worthy to be called a man. Are you sure to obtain the pardon of your parents, when you are not able to take a firm resolution? My poor mother rejoiced much (*contento*) at seeing (*Infin.*) me again. He could not remember (having) to have promised me the works of Ariosto. The art of dancing was already known to the most ancient nations. It is a shame (*vergognoso*, adj.) to obey one's passions. The desire to appear clever often hinders [one] from becoming so. Napoleon had the intention to unite all Europe into one great confederation against England. The surest proof to (have been) be born with great qualities, is not to know envy. It is useless to make him any reproaches. It is the destiny of all human things to be of short duration only. By working much at night, my eyes have grown weak. Cæsar had never believed Brutus [to be] able to undertake anything against him. I have never hoped to see you at my house, therefore I requested my brother to send you this news.

#### 124.

His whole life was one delusion (*Infin.*) of all that every human heart holds (fr. *reputare*) sacred. To know nothing is no disgrace, but it is an absurdity if a man will (*Infin.*) know everything. The noble mind (*modo di pensare*) of the prince reconciled him even to (*con*) his most exasperated enemies. Towards the end (*Infin.*) of the year, one perceived a noticeable decrease of the epidemic. At daybreak we weighed anchor, and sailed down the river. One must be very prudent in speaking (*Infin.*); an old proverb says: speaking (*Infin.*) is silver, but silence (*Infin.*) is gold. As I thought (*Gerund*) him to be (*Infin.*) a robber, I seized my pistols and cocked them (*montai il cane*). What is the good (fr. *giovare*) of apologizing (*Infin.*), when it is too late to repair the damage? As I supposed that she had arrived, I hastened to pay her a visit. Who are the two gentlemen (whom) I see coming there below? They are two Englishmen who are wont to take a walk at this hour. You needed (fr. *occorrere*) not to tell him that I am home, as you knew very well that I

will not see him. Before contracting friendship with a man, one ought to know his character perfectly.

c) Infinitive with the preposition *da*.

1. We have seen (II. P. Less. 4 II, 6) that *da* often denotes an *aptness* or *fitness* for something. Therefore this preposition is often used before the Infinitive Mood, if this latter be governed by *avere* or *essere*, in which case these verbs are not *auxiliaries* (as in the following sentences: What is\*) there *to be* done? He *has* nothing *to say*). In such a case the *Passive voice* is often used in English, as:

*Che c'è da fare*, what is there to be done?

*Non è da biasimare*, he is not to be blamed.

*Non hai niente da dirgli*, you need not tell him anything.

NB. Also *dare*, *ricevere*, *proporre* etc. often take *da*, as:

*Egli gli dava\*\*)* *da bere*, he gave him to drink.

*Questo denaro l'ho ricevuto da conservare*.

I have received this money to keep care of.

2. The Infinitive with *da* is also met with after *substantives*; in this case it replaces an *adjective* or an *attributive accessory clause*, as:

*Milano si ritrovava in tali termini da non vedere* . . . (M.)

Milano was in such a condition, that nobody could see . . .

*Una cosa da ridere*, a ridiculous thing.

*Una casa da vendere*, a house to be sold.

3. After *adjectives*, too, the Infinitive often obtains with *da*, as:

*Un pezzo difficile da sonare*.

Lit. A piece difficult to play (on the piano etc.).

Note. In many cases *da* before the Infinitive may be supplied by *a*. Thus:

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\*) *Avere* and *essere* are considered to be *principal* verbs, when used without the *past participle*.

\*\*) If the Infinitive construed with *dare* governs and precedes a complement, *a* should be used instead of *da*, as:

*Egli mi diede a fare qualchecosa*, he gave me something to do.

But: *Egli non mi diede niente da fare*, he gave me nothing to do.

*Ho da fare una visita*, or: *ho una visita, da fare* and: *ho a fare una visita*.

The question is whether the action expressed by the Infinitive and denoting *futurity*, is to be performed by the speaker himself or not. If it is, as in the above example, *a* may be used instead of *da*. But it would be incorrect to say: *dateci a sedere*, place chairs for us (*lit.* give us to seat), because here the speaker does not place the chairs himself. Therefore we should say: *dateci da sedere*.

#### Traduzione. 125.

He gave me to eat and to drink, though he had only the most indispensable (*il puro necessario*) for himself. What is there to be done in such a case? There is nothing to be done with so idle a fellow. — You must do it to-day: to-morrow it is not to be hoped that the opportunity will again be so favourable. It would be [much] to be desired that at last peace (should return) returned among (*fra*) us. What is there to be seen? There are pictures to be seen, they are also to be sold. My dear friend, you are much to be pitied! You have to go through a hard time, but don't lose (the) courage! I don't know what I am (*ho*) to tell him, when he comes. In Italy they say that three things are difficult (to make): to boil an egg, to make a dog's bed (*Ital.*: to a dog the bed) and to teach a Florentine (something).

#### d) Infinitive with the preposition *a*.

1. After adjectives that govern the dative case, answering the question to what? Such are: *risoluto*, resolute; *buono*, capable; *disposto*, disposed; *facile*\*), easy; *difficile*, difficult; *lento*, slow; *sensibile*, *pronto*, ready, etc. Examples:

*Lento a deciderti* slow to take a decision.

*Pronto ad eseguir le imposte cose.* (*Tasso.*)

Ready to execute the things ordered.

2. After all verbs governing the dative case, answering the questions: *wherewith?* *wherein?* *whereon?* *whereupon?* etc. Such verbs are:

*Acconsentire*, to consent.

*Attendarsi*, to expect.

*Abituarsi*, } to accustom

*Affaticarsi*, } to endeavour.

*Avvezzarsi*, } (oneself).

*Applicarsi*, }

*Costringere*, } to oblige, to

*Acconsentire*, to authorize.

*Forzare*, } force.

*Condannare*, to condemn.

\*) These adjectives but rarely occur with *da*.

<i>Contribuire</i> , to contribute.	<i>Pervenire</i> , to come, to get to . . .
<i>Destinare</i> , to destine.	<i>Incitare</i> , to excite.
<i>Disporre</i> , to prepare.	<i>Indurre</i> , to induce.
<i>Adattarsi</i> , to accommodate (oneself).	<i>Invitare</i> , to invite.
<i>Aiutare</i> , to help.	<i>Inclinare</i> , to incline.
<i>Insegnare</i> , to instruct, teach.	<i>Determinarsi</i> , } to determine,
<i>Dare</i> , to give.	<i>Risolversi</i> , } to resolve.
<i>Mettersi</i> , to begin.	<i>Riuscire</i> , to succeed in . . .
<i>Insistere</i> , } to insist.	<i>Imparare</i> , to learn.
<i>Persistere</i> , }	<i>Tardare</i> , to delay, to be late.
<i>Offrirsi</i> , to offer (oneself).	<i>Stimolare</i> , } to stimulate.
<i>Reggere</i> , to endure, to last.	<i>Sprongere</i> , }
<i>Passare</i> , to pass.	<i>Sedurre</i> , to seduce.
<i>Incoraggiare</i> , to encourage.	<i>Bastare</i> , to be enough, to suffice.
<i>Esortare</i> , to exhort.	<i>Tornare</i> , to do something once more.
<i>Impiegare</i> , to employ.	<i>Muovere</i> , to move.
<i>Esporsi</i> , to expose (oneself).	<i>Esitare</i> , to hesitate.
<i>Continuare</i> , to continue.	<i>Rinunziare</i> , to renounce.

*Note.* 1. *Stare a* and *essere a* mean: to be just now doing something, and, therefore, correspond to the English *present part.*, as: *mia sorella è a ricamare*, my sister is embroidering; *egli sta a vedere la festa*, he is looking at the festival.

*Staremo un po' a vedere.*

We shall see how things are.

2. *Dare a* forms some Italianisms, like: *dare a vedere a qdn.*, to make anyb. understand; *dare a fare*\*), to give to do, to occupy; *dare a pensare*, to make one think = to give him material for reflection; *dare ad intendere*, to make anybody understand.

3. *Andare a* and *mandare a* must not be literally translated, as: *andare a trovare qualcheduno*, to call on someb.; *mandare a prendere*, to send for somebody. *Tornare a* means: to do something once more, as: *tornò a scrivere*, he wrote once more.

As in English, the Infinitive Mood is often found in *contracted subordinate sentences* like the following:

*A intenderlo direste ch'egli è innocente.*

To hear him (= if one hears him), one would say he was innocent.

*Fu il primo a gettarsi sul nemico.*

He was the first to throw (= who threw) himself on the enemy.

\*) See the Note page 341.

*Che fare?* What am I (are we) to do?  
*Dove fuggire?* Where (shall we) flee to?  
*Io! spargere il sangue de' miei figli!*  
 How could I shed the blood of my children!

**Traduzione. 126.**

Be attentive to seize the good opportunity! The just (man) is slow to punish, but ready to reward. Are you disposed to do it? Yes, if you think that the sum (which) I fix for it, suffices to cover the expenses. I am just now writing a letter to my shoemaker who is delaying to bring me my new boots. Accustom yourself betimes to see your fairest hopes deluded (fr. *deludere*). Why don't you help me to get (*salire*) into the carriage? What shall I do? I advise you to renounce this project. Hasten to finish your letter, for the courier leaves in half an hour. Why are you so late this evening? Usually you are the first to come in. I am accustomed to fulfill your request. Why do you not begin to write? You waste your time reading (*Infin.*) insipid novels; do you not know that reading [of] bad books entirely corrupts the taste of young people? When one sees him, one would not say that one has to do with a cheat.

§ 1. As in English, the *Infinitive* is often used instead of an accessory sentence beginning with *che*. This is the case:

1. When both the *principal* and the *accessory* sentence have *the same subject*, as:

*Credè essere ferito.*

He thought (to be) he was wounded (= he thought that he was wounded).

*Spero (di) meritare la vostra confidenza.*

I hope to deserve your confidence [= (that) I deserve your confidence].

2. Or when the *subject* of the subordinate sentence occurs in the *principal* sentence as a *dative* or *accusative* case:

*L'ho pregato di non dirne niente.*

I have begged *him* to say nothing about it.

*Giù dissi di tacere*, I told *him* to be silent.

§ 2. Accessory sentences implying any particular *circumstance*, and usually beginning with one of the compound adverbs *dopo che*, *avanti che*, *prima che*, are

also frequently contracted into the *Infinitive*. But here, too, the Infinitive Mood may only be used, if both the *principal* and the *accessory* sentence have the same subject. [The same rule as in French.] Ex.:

*Prima di attaccar battaglia, Gustavo Adolfo pregò in ginocchio con tutta l'armata* (for: *prima che attaccasse* etc.).

Before he began (beginning) the battle, Gustavus Adolphus and the whole army prayed on their knees.

*Il maresciallo, dopo aver letto la lettera, disse . . .*

Or:

*Dopo aver letto la lettera, il maresciallo disse . . .*

After having read the letter, the marshal said . . .

§ 3. If, however, the principal and the accessory sentence have *two different* subjects, no Infinitive may be used, but a *conjunction* should be employed. Ex.:

*Dopo ch'io ebbi ascoltato la querela del mio amico, egli mi disse . . .*

After I had heard the complaint of my friend, he said to me . . .

[*Dopo aver ascoltato* etc. *egli mi disse* would be: after having (= he had) heard etc., he said etc.\*].]

*Note.* Besides, *anzichè* (sooner than, rather, far from, etc.), *per* (for, as, because), and *oltre a* (not only that) are used with the Infinitive. In English, however, these conjunctions are frequently periphrased, as:

*Anzichè confessare la sua colpa, volle ad ogni costo gettarla sopra il povero villico.*

Far from confessing his fault, he would at any cost impute it to the poor peasant.

*Oltre all'essere un'infamia, la vostra condotta merita il più duro castigo.*

Your behaviour is not only infamous, but it also deserves the severest punishment.

*Per non sapere come difendersi, egli ammutolì.*

As he did not know how to defend himself, he grew silent.

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\*) Yet in Italian such an expression would not be wrong, if one did insert the respective pronoun, as:

*Dopo aver io ascoltato . . . egli mi disse.*

## Traduzione. 127.

Take care that you do not fall. After having heard my tale, he told me that he did not believe a single word (*neanche una parola*) of the whole story. I must now suffer from ungrateful people (*gl'ingrati*), after having been ungrateful myself. After Anthony had been conquered, his followers were persecuted and proscribed. The fairest victory a man may win over himself, is to pardon an injury. The general ordered his officers not to say (another word) a word more about the unfortunate (*malaugurato*) event. Who has (the) courage to save the unfortunate (*pl.*)? It would be better that you were unfortunate than guilty of a crime. I wish you (had) to have more patience. We (should like) desire to have more money. (The) sleep is as necessary as (the) eating. Allow me, Sir, to introduce (*presentare*) my friend to you. The conviction to have done wrong to an unfortunate (man) gave him many a sad hour. Galileo was obliged to make amends (*domandare perdono*) for having taught (*spiegato*) the motion of the earth round the sun. The court of the king of Italy has been (is) in Rome since 1871; before he resided there, he had his residence in Florence.

## Reading Exercise. 128.

Qual fa tal riceve\*).

Un signorino, appena venuto in età, sposò una cittadina ricca di sostanze, ma povera di quello che forma la vera ricchezza, cioè la bontà dell'animo.

Io non voglio dirvi nè il nome nè il paese loro, perchè sarebbe maldicenza; ed anche quando sono costretto a rivelarvi i peccati di alcuno, non voglio che voi prendiate mal animo contro i peccatori.

Il padre di questo signorino era ben innanzi cogli anni, ed aveva lavorato tutta la vita per lasciare molto agiato questo unico suo figliuolo. Ma diverse infermità lo avevano ridotto a sì cattiva salute, che pareva fino imbecille. Il figliuolo e la nuora avrebbero dovuto avergli compassione, alleggerirgli coll'amore il peso degli anni e degli acciacchi, e ricambiarlo delle attenzioni altre volte da lui ricevute. Ma credereste? invece non faceano che maltrattarlo. Se il povero vecchio si metteva al focolaio, e, tráttesi le scarpe, scaldava i piedi, gli davano del villano, e lo cacciavano da banda. Se non capiva quel che gli era detto, gli ridevano in faccia, lo chiamavano balordo e rimbambito. Poi a tavola, se gli cadeva un poco di brodo sulla salvietta, o se rovesciava il bicchiere sulla tovaglia, facevano un rumore da non dire.

\*) By Cesare Cantù.

E tanto innanzi arrivò l'inumanità di questi due sposi, che non lo vollero più a tavola insieme; ma lo ponevano ad un deschetto in cucina, abbandonato alle celie dei servitori e d'un loro ragazzino. Perchè dovevo dirvi che essi avevano un ragazzino, fra i quattro e i cinque anni, tutto vispo e gagliardo; ma che dal cattivo esempio dei genitori aveva imparato a trattar male col nonno, e farne dispregi.

Ora una volta questo bambino corse nella sala, dove stavano lautamente mangiando padre e madre, e contò loro che il vecchio barbogio aveva lasciato cascare la scodella e mandatala in pezzi. Questi sdegnati sgridarono in cattiva maniera il povero vecchio, ed ordinarono che, d'allora in poi, gli fosse dato a mangiare in una ciótola di legno, come ai cani.

Che triste lezioni dovevano essere queste pel bambino! E pur troppo ne profitto.

Pochi giorni dopo, i suoi genitori lo trovarono in giardino, affacciato a metter insieme i cocci della scodella rotta dal nonno: li congegnava, e forandoli con un chiodo, come fa il pentolaio col trapano, li cuciva insieme con un filo di ferro.

Ridendo e vezzeggiando s'accostarono a lui i genitori, e gli chiesero:

Che fai costà, piccino?

Che cosa fo? rispose quegli. Sto rimettendo all'ordine questa scodella, in cui dar da mangiare a voi, quando sarete vecchi.

I due si guardarono in faccia ed impallidirono. Intesero benissimo che «ciascuno deve aspettarsi d'essere trattato da' suoi figliuoli, siccome egli avrà trattato coi genitori».

#### Diálogo.

Chi aveva sposato un giovine signore?

Che non vuole fare l'autore, quando è costretto a rivelare i peccati di alcuno?

Che aveva fatto il padre del signorino?

A quale stato lo aveano ridotto diverse infermità?

Quale sarebbe stato il dovere del figliuolo e della nuora?

In che modo adempirono questo loro dovere?

Che facevano, quando il vecchio non capiva quel che gli dicevano?

Fin a qual punto andò l'inumanità degli sposi?

Dove era relegato il vecchio padre?

Avevano figli?

Che raccontò loro una volta il bambino?

Che ordinarono allora gli sposi?

Dove ritrovarono alcuni giorni dopo il loro figliuolo?

Che gli chiesero?

Quale fu la risposta del piccino?

Che compresero gli sposi da questa risposta?



## Twenty-third Lesson.

### The Participle and Gerund.

Participles derive their name from Lat. *participare*, to participate, to partake, because they *partake* of the nature of *adjectives* as well as *verbs*. Being *derived* from verbs, they are *used* like adjectives.

Italian has two Participles, the *Present participle* and the *Past participle*. The *Present partic.* is not very frequently used; it renders either a simple *adjective* or a *relative phrase* formed with *who*, *which*, *that*, etc.; as:

*Una valle ridente*, a charmig valley.

*I deridenti ogni credenza*, such as laugh at every (religious) faith.

*Un quadro rappresentante il giudizio universale*.

A picture representing Doomsday.

### The Gerund.

This *invariable* form of the verb is a peculiar beauty of the Italian language. It either corresponds to the English *present participle*, or it is used instead of accessory sentences beginning with one of the conjunctions *because*, *as*, *whilst*, *if*, etc. It *always refers to the subject of the sentence*. Ex.:

*Ella mi disse piangendo* . . .

She told me weeping (with tears in her eyes) . . .

*Essendo ammalato non posso andare a trovarlo*.

Being ill, I can't go to see him.

*Non volendo rispondergli, ella tacque*.

As she would not (not willing to) answer him, she was silent.

**Note.** In English the *pres. part.* often appears preceded by a preposition, as: on seeing him; whilst reflecting; after having said, etc., whereas the Italian *Gerund* is never governed by prepositions. Ex.: in reading, *leggendo* (not *in leggendo*); whilst speaking, *parlando* (not *durante parlando*). Yet prepositions may be used with the *Infinitive Mood*, which often fully replaces the *Gerund*. Thus:

In reading, *nel leggere* = *leggendo*.

On going out, *all'uscire* = *uscendo*.

*Uscendo egli mi lanciò uno sguardo.*

Leaving the room he cast a look at me.

Often the personal pronoun must be added to the *Gerund* in order to avoid some misconception. Such is the case, when the *principal* and the *accessory* sentence have *two different* subjects. (See page 353.) Ex.:

*Andando io a spasso, egli mi si avvicinò.*

Whilst I was taking a walk, he came up to me.

In this case the pronoun immediately *follows* the *Gerund*. If, however, the principal and the subordinate sentence have the same subject, the personal pronoun may *precede* or *follow* or else be *omitted*. Euphony is here the only guide. Ex.:

*Vedendo io il pericolo lo presi per la mano.* Or:

*Io vedendo il pericolo lo presi . . .* Or:

*Vedendo il pericolo lo presi . . .*

Seeing (when seeing) the danger, I seized him by the hand.

*Observation.* If the principal and the subordinate sentence have two different subjects, the use of a conjunction is preferred to the *Gerund*, as:

*Mentre io andava a spasso, egli dormiva,* rather than:

*Andando io a spasso, egli etc.*

Occasionally, the verbs *andare*, *stare*, *venire*, *mandare* are employed with the *Gerund* (especially in poetry), in order to represent an action or state as *lasting*. Ex.:

*L'uccelletto va cercando la libertà* (for *va a cercare*).

The little bird seeks (is seeking) its liberty.

*Io ti stavo aspettando.*

I was waiting for thee.

*Note.* Quite obsolete is the use of *two Gerunds*, of which one belongs to the Participle, whilst the other is used in lieu of an *accessory sentence*, as: *essendosi alla fine piangendo addormentata*, having finally fallen asleep by much crying.

*Observation.* 1. If the subordinate clause refers to the *object* (accusative) of the principal sentence, the *Gerund* is not admissible, thus:

*Lo vidi l'ultima volta, quando egli stava per partire.*

I saw him for the last time, when he was on the point of setting out.

(*Lo vidi stando* etc., would be incorrect.)

2. As we stated in a former note, the Infinitive Mood with *a, con, in, per, dopo* is often used instead of the *Gerund*; thus either:

*Vedendolo diresti, or al vederlo diresti . . .*

When seeing him you would say . . .

*Egli me lo diede dicendo or nel dire . . .*

He gave it me saying.

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I have seen the statue representing Apollo of (*del*) Belvedere in Rome. We are glad to be able to tell you that our enterprise has had a result corresponding to our expectations. They say that Apelles painted (the) grapes so naturally (*si al naturale*) that the birds, when they saw them, picked at them (*le*). When reading, I generally smoke a cigar. Mentor, on hearing the voice of the Goddess who called for her nymphs, awakened Telemachus. After having destroyed Troy, the Greeks returned to their country. Having no money I cannot depart. I met him, when I went to school. I met your brother, when he went home. As I must depart tomorrow, I have come to bid you farewell. When the criminal had arrived on the scaffold, he raised his trembling hands towards heaven and spoke (*dire*) the following words: 'Oh, Lord, have mercy upon (*di*) me!'

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Franklin seeing all his efforts useless, went back to his country, in order to brave the storm with his countrymen. Seeing one day a little fish in the stomach of a big one, he said: «Oh, as you eat one another, I do not see why we should abstain from eating you». Franklin after having looked everywhere for occupation, re-entered (at) (*acconciarsi presso*) the printer's Keimer. Being useful to our country, we are at the same time useful to ourselves. Napoleon seeing that the battle of Waterloo was lost, drew his sword and would (*transl.* in order to . . .) desperately fling himself into the tumult of the fight. By hating (the) vice, we confirm ourselves in (the) virtue. By attentively reading good authors, we learn to write intelligibly (*fr. chiaro*) and elegantly. Men express their joy in different ways, when they meet relations and friends: civilised people greet by taking off their hats, shaking each other's hands, embracing and kissing each other. There are nations which have the custom of greeting by taking off their slippers, others by rubbing their noses against each other, and others by making their fingers crack against each other. There are even some (*ve ne sono persino di quelli*) who roll themselves on the ground and utter cries of joy.

## Reading Exercise. 131.

## Beniamino Franklin\*).

Nella terra scoperta dal Colombo e denominata dal Vespucci, fu fondata la città di Boston, ove ai 17 gennaio del 1706, nacque Beniamino Franklin, ultimo di diciassette fratelli. Non essendo suo padre in grado<sup>1)</sup> di tenerlo sulle scuole<sup>2)</sup>, appena ebbe imparato a leggere ed a scrivere, di dieci anni se lo tirò dietro<sup>3)</sup> nel suo mestiere<sup>4)</sup> di far sapone e candele. Il giovinetto vi attendeva<sup>4)</sup>, ma pure<sup>5)</sup> fin da quell'età primaticcia<sup>6)</sup>, aveva tale avidità di leggere, che, quando non poteva il dì, vegliava<sup>7)</sup> la notte, beato<sup>8)</sup> qualora<sup>9)</sup> potesse ottenere qualche bello ed utile libro.

Vedutagli tale disposizione, un fratel suo, che lavorava da stampatore<sup>10)</sup>, lo tolse con sè a bottega<sup>11)</sup> ove Beniamino, badando<sup>12)</sup> attento ad ogni cosa, presto imparò a perfezione questa nuova arte. Lavorava più degli altri, e perchè lo faceva volentieri riusciva meglio, e gli sopravanzava<sup>13)</sup> tempo da scrivere e discorrere con chi<sup>14)</sup> ne sapeva più di lui: perchè il tempo è come il danaro; chi non lo getta via ne ha sempre a sufficienza.

Disgustato però dei modi<sup>15)</sup> rústici e sgarbati<sup>16)</sup>, con cui lo trattava suo fratello, risolse di andare a cercar fortuna e si condusse<sup>17)</sup> a Filadelfia.

Filadelfia è città degli Stati Uniti, dove Franklin, alcuni anni dopo, nel 1783, fu accolto tra gli spari<sup>18)</sup> dell'artiglieria e l'esultanza<sup>19)</sup> di un popolo intero. Ma per allora il giovinetto vi entrò tutto solo, non conoscendo alcuno nè da alcuno conosciuto, mal in arnese<sup>20)</sup>, con cinque lire in tasca e tre pagnotte<sup>21)</sup>; una sotto ciascun braccio e la terza in mano sbocconcellando<sup>22)</sup>. Recava però con sè la voglia di lavorare e di risparmiare; onde<sup>23)</sup> allogatosi<sup>24)</sup> presso uno stampatore si guadagnò<sup>25)</sup> di che vivere<sup>26)</sup> onoratamente. Un buon la-

1) *Essere in grado*, to be able to afford. 2) *tener sulle scuole*, to send to school. 3) *se lo tirò dietro nel suo mestiere*, he got him to learn his own profession. 4) *attendere a qcs.*, to apply oneself to smth. 5) yet. 6) *età primaticcia*, young age. 7) *vegliare*, to sit up. 8) happy. 9) whenever. 10) printer. 11) *togliere a bottega*, to take to the work-shop (here: printing-office). 12) *badare*, to mind. 13) *gli sopravanzava tempo*, he had time left. 14) *Chi*, here: people that. 15) manners. 16) rude. 17) *condursi*, here: to go. 18) *gli spari*, the thunder (of a gun). 19) acclamation. 20) *mal in arnese*, badly dressed. 21) loaves. 22) *sbocconcellare*, to eat by bits. 23) therefore, thus. 24) *allogarsi*, to enter, to take a situation. 25) *guadagnare*, to earn. 26) *di che vivere*, enough to live upon.

\*) By Cesare Cantù.

vorante è un tesoro pel padrone; e questo, se ha giudizio<sup>27</sup>), lo tiene bene da conto<sup>28</sup>).

27) *aver giudizio*, to be reasonable. 28) *tenere da conto*, to esteem, to appreciate.

### Diálogo.

Da chi ebbe nome il continente scoperto da Colombo?  
 Dov'è nato Beniamino Franklin?  
 Che mestiere esercitava suo padre?  
 Trovava piacere a quell'occupazione il giovinetto?  
 Non aveva dunque il tempo di leggere?  
 Non s'accorse nessuno della disposizione del ragazzo?  
 Imparò la tipografia?  
 Gli sopravanzava tempo da studiare?  
 Come venne trattato da suo fratello?  
 E sopportò tranquillamente quel cattivo trattamento?  
 Vi aveva degli amici?  
 Non aveva danaro?  
 E quando entrò a Filadelfia per la seconda volta, dopo aver sottoscritto a Parigi nel 1782 la pace che assicurava la libertà della sua patria, come venne accolto allora?

## Twenty-fourth Lesson.

### I. The Past Participle.

Concerning the *agreement* of the past part. with its *subject* we here state the following principal rules:

§ 1. If coupled with **essere** or with one of the verbs used instead of *essere*, as: *andare*, *restare*, *rimanere*, *stare*, *venire*, the Italian past part. *agrees with the subject of the sentence in gender and number*. Ex.:

*Mio padre è partito*, my father has departed.

*Mia madre è arrivata*, my mother has arrived.

*Gli scolari vengono puniti*, the pupils are punished.

*Ella rimase sbalordita*, she was quite astonished.

*I birbanti restarono attoniti*.

The rascals were quite perplexed.

In *intercalated* subordinate clauses the *auxiliary* as well as the *relative pronoun* are often omitted. It makes no difference whether the contracted clause stands at the beginning or in the middle of the whole sentence. Thus:

*I re amati dai loro popoli, méritano la stima del mondo intiero.*

Kings that are loved by their people deserve the esteem of the whole world.

*Cacciati dall'alta Asia, gli Ungheresi si stabilirono nella Pannonia.*

Driven from Asia superior, the Hungarians settled in Pannonia.

*La principessa, adirata di vedersi ingannata, partì subito.*

The princess, angry to see herself deceived, departed immediately.

§ 2. The *Participle*, when used with the auxiliary *avere*, remains *unaltered* (except § 3). Ex.:

*Io ho veduto mia madre*, I have seen my mother.

(Here the complement *mia madre* follows the verb.)

*Voi non avete detto due parole.*

You did not utter a single word.

*Perchè avete tremato?* Why have you trembled?

§ 3. If, however, the *Participle* used with *avere* follows its complement, it generally agrees with it. [The same rule holds good in French.] Ex.:

*Che libri (compl.) avete letti?*

Which books have you read?

*Che lettere (compl.) hanno scritte?*

Which letters have they written?

*Le lettere che (acc. compl.) mi avete mandate.*

The letters you have sent me.

*I figli che (acc. compl.) ho veduti.*

The children I have seen.

*Observation.* The rules we have established, are now almost universally observed by good authors. Yet many examples may be found in Italian classical writers, where the *pass. part.*, though coupled with *avere*, agrees with its following complement. Thus *Boccaccio*: *Aveva la luna perduti i raggi suoi*, the moon had lost her rays. This is the case, when a particular *stress* is laid on the *verb*, and the action is represented as *lasting in its consequence* and forming an *inherent quality* of the complement. The pupil is requested to compare the following sentences:

*Ho mutato la mia sorte*, and:

*Ho mutata la mia sorte*, I have altered my lot.

In the first example the *verbal* notion predominates, as in English. In the second, however, a particular stress is laid on the *quality* (altered), which is now represented as a *lasting one*. It will be easily understood, that this being so, the concord of the *past participle* used with *avere*, is rather arbitrary in Italian.

§ 4. An exception from § 3 is found in the case where *by Inversion* the *Subject* of the sentence follows the *Past Participle*, as:

*I paesi che* (acc. compl.) *aveva conquistato Alessandro Magno.*

The countries which Alexander the Great had conquered.

When, however, the *Subject* of the phrase takes its due place before the verb, the *Past Participle* agrees; thus:

*I paesi che Alessandro Magno aveva conquistati.*

§ 5. With the *Pronominal* (or *reflective*) verbs we should carefully distinguish whether the pronouns *mi*, *ti*, *si*, *ci*, *vi*, are *accusatives*, or whether they are *datives*. In the former case the past participle *agrees*, in the latter it remains unaltered. Ex.:

We have loved one another (whom? — *ourselves*; acc.).  
*Noi ci siamo amati.*

Whereas:

We have reproached (to) ourselves (to whom? — *to ourselves*; dat.).

*Noi ci siamo rimproverato\*).*

If, however, the *dative* is preceded by a complement in the *accusative*, the *Participle*, of course, agrees with this complement. Ex.:

*I sigari che* (accus. compl.) *noi ci* (dat.) *siamo pigliati* (taken).

(See II. P. Less. 18. II. Pron. verbs.)

*Note.* Here the Part. is Plural, not for the sake of *ci*, with which it has nothing to do, but on account of the foregoing *che* (= *I sigari che . . .*). — In the sentence:

*Le ragazze se le sono strappate dalle mani*, the girls have snatched them out of each other's hands, the *Participle* appears in the *Plur. fem.*, not for the sake of the subject

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\*) This rule is often neglected; it would not be quite improper to say: *noi ci siamo rimproverati*.

*ragazze*, but because it is preceded by the accusat. of the person. pronoun (*le*) referring to a foregoing *fem.* complement: as *le scarpe*, *le calze* etc. — These rules, however, are often neglected, even by good authors, because Italians are not over-particular in the concord of their Past Partic. Thus one may find sentences like: *le ricchezze ch'egli si era acquistato* (instead of *acquistate*), where the Partic. agrees with the subject, whilst it properly ought to agree with the foregoing complement (here: *le ricchezze*).

§ 6. Again, we should carefully distinguish, whether the *preceding accusative* case is governed by the *Participle* or by an *Infinitive* connected with the Participle. (The same as in French.) Ex.:

The song (which) I have heard sung.

*La canzone che ho sentito cantare.* (What have I heard? Answ. singing.) Here *che* is the complement of *cantare*, whereas in the next sentence *che* is the complement of *sentita*:

*La cantante che ho sentita cantare.*

The songstress whom I have heard singing. (What have I heard? Answ. the songstress).\*)

§ 7. A participle coupled with a *neuter* verb never agrees, though *che* may precede as a seeming complement. (Thus same as in French.) Ex.:

*Le due ore che ho dormito.*

The two hours I have slept.

*Le cinque miglia che siete corsi.*

The five miles you have run.

*Note.* When referring to the preceding *ne*, of it, of them, etc., the *Participle* generally takes the gender of the substantive to which it refers. Thus: Have you drunk water? *Avete bevuto dell'acqua?* Yes, I drank some. *Sì, ne ho bevuta.* Have you eaten some crabs? *Avete mangiato dei gamberi?* No, we have not (eaten any). *No, non ne abbiamo mangiati.*

Likewise, the *Past Participle* of *fare*, when meaning to have, to get, is always invariable. Ex.:

*Gli stivali che mi sono fatto fare* [*che* is governed by *fare*].

The boots which I got made for me.

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\*) This rule, too, is often neglected.



Whereas:

*Gli sbagli che avete fatti* [*che* is governed by *fatti*].

The faults you have made.

Here *fare* appears in its proper signification.

*Note.* The Partic. referring to *che cosa?* what? should also remain unaltered, because *che cosa?* is an equivalent for a neuter pronoun, thus:

*Che cosa avete detto?* What have you said?

§ 8. The *Past Participle* of the auxiliary *avere* is invariable, if the sentence is *elliptical*, i. e., if the *Past Participle* is followed by an *Infinitive Mood*, or if this Infinitive is understood, as:

*Gli ho reso tutti quei servizi che ho potuto* (i. e. *rendergli*).

I have done him any service I was able (to do).

*Ecco i libri che ho voluto leggere*\*).

Here are the books I wanted to read.

§ 9. Whenever the preceding relative pronoun *che* or *il, la* etc., *quale* etc. is not the complement of the Participle, this Partic. is *invariable*. Sometimes the *real* complement follows in the form of an *accessory sentence*, as:

*Le parole che avete voluto che gli dicessi.*

Here the complement of *voluta* is not the preceding *che*, but the following accessory sentence *che gli dicessi*, that I should tell him [*che* before *avete* is the complement of *dicessi*].

*Note.* We should carefully distinguish from the *absolute Partic.* the construction explained in Less. 15, g. II. P., where the Participle *agreeing with the following complement* precedes and is immediately followed by *che*, as:

*Detta che ebbe la parola*, no sooner had he said the word.

*Trovata che l'avremo*, as soon as we shall have found it (i. e. *la pietra*, the stone).

This construction is merely an *Inversion*, where *che* is used instead of one of the compound con-

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\*) In these three sentences *che* is not the complement of the Partic. (*voluta, potuto*), but of the Infin., expressed or understood (*rendere, leggere*).

junctions: *tosto che*, *subito che*, or *allorchè* etc., and the Participle agrees with its following complement (see § 3), so that the sentence is properly:

*Tostochè ebbe detta questa parola.*

*Allorchè l'avremo trovata.*

## II. The Participle Absolute.

§ 1. The *Past Participle absolute* often occurs, either with the *Gerund* or without it, where in English either *accessory* sentences are used, or a construction with the *present participle* of the auxiliary and the *past participle* of the *principal verb*. Ex.:

*Essendo morto il re, suo figlio salì al trono.*

After the king had died (the king being dead), his son ascended the throne.

§ 2. In general the *Gerund* is omitted, and the *Participle* alone is used, agreeing, of course, with the word it refers to. Ex.:

*Finita\*) la guerra, l'armata ritornò alla patria.*

After the war was ended, the army returned home.

*Fermátasi, disse loro.*

Stopping (she stopped and . . .) she said to them.

*Girati oziosamente gli occhi all'intorno, li fissava. (M.)*

Having looked carelessly about him, he fixed his eyes . . .

*Passata questa (i. e. settimana), non m'appagherò più di chiacchiere. (M.)*

When this week is over, I shall not be appeased any longer with mere words.

*Udite queste parole, ella scoppiò dalle risa.*

(After) Having heard these words, she burst forth into a loud laughter.

§ 3. With the absolute Participle is sometimes joined the preposition *dopo* (rarely *senza*), which, if the Partic. were rendered by an accessory sentence, ought to appear under the form of the conjunction *dopo che* (or *senza che*). This construction is easily explained by inserting an *Infinitive Mood*. Ex.:

*Dopo rimasti alquanto lontani.*

After having been away for some time.

(*Dopo essere rimasti alquanto lontani.*)

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\*) Latin. Ablat. absolut.

Or in form of an accessory sentence:

*Dopo che fummo rimasti etc.*

### Traduzione. 132.

We have met a great many persons that bowed to us but we did not recognize them. The gentlemen (whom) I invited for dinner, have not accepted, because they are expected elsewhere to-day. Accustomed to all the comforts of wealth, she will not be able to endure (accomodate herself to) a simple life. The pupils (whom) we heard reading yesterday, have proved that they took much pains to acquire a good pronunciation. Certain animals seem to be created only for (the) man. The news about the shipwreck of the "Germania" have all been retracted. The riches (which) they had gained, have soon been dissipated. After the first defeat of the American troops, three commissioners were sent to (the) General Howe; but soon the negotiations were broken off. Soon afterwards New York was taken, both the Jerseys occupied, Philadelphia threatened, and without the most incredible efforts of Washington, whose army had been reduced to four thousand men, the cause of (the) independence would have been lost for ever. Kleopatra brought (the) death to herself. It is a good while since we have seen one another, but we have often written to one another.

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Seldom things [one has] long expected correspond to the idea we have formed of them. The long silence you have observed (*servato*) (*transl.* observed by you) has made us think (that) you had entirely forgotten your promise. Never do anything contrary (*transl.* that be contr.) to the principles I have endeavoured (fr. *cercare*) to inculcate [in] you. The fleet we have seen arrive, belongs to the French. Do you know these ships? I know them well; I saw them building (as they were built). Look at those trees; I saw them as they were planted ten years ago. The society I have seen you frequent, is now dissolved. As this reflection greatly embarrassed (*Gerund*) our (*il buon*) man, he said: «One can't sleep well if one has so much intellect».

### 134.

I thank you for (*di*) the books lent to me, and as soon as I shall have read them, I shall give them back to you. When the holidays will be (are) over I shall set out (on the journey) for Rome. After the father was (*Past Part.*) dead, the sons dug up the field in order to find the treasure.

Eurymedon being killed, his fleet was taken and burnt. The cause of the contagion being removed, and the booty divided, they proceeded to the election of a king. The coats I have had made, do not fit me. A carrier had loaded some live lambs on his car. The poor animals, packed one upon another, with [their]\*) legs tied fast and their heads hanging down, filled the air with plaintive lowing. (The) history teaches us that many nations, after having reached the pitch of glory, began to sink, and others, that were destined for slavery by their neighbours, knew how to raise themselves. Subdued, ill treated and humbled by barbarians and by civilised nations, the Italians languished through centuries; but at length, through their [own] courage, through the moral and material assistance of friendly nations and through happy circumstances (*col favore delle circostanze*) they succeeded in breaking their (the) hated chains, in obtaining the long since wished for unity and founding the kingdom of Italy.

### Reading Exercise. 135.

#### Continuazione di Beniamino Franklin.

Ma Franklin era giovane ed inesperto<sup>1)</sup>; onde<sup>2)</sup> si lasciò sollevare<sup>3)</sup> da uno di quei tristi<sup>4)</sup>, i quali sono larghissimi<sup>5)</sup> in parole e scarsi<sup>6)</sup> al fatto<sup>7)</sup>. Costui, promettendogli mari e monti<sup>8)</sup> lo distolse<sup>9)</sup> dal suo quieto mestiere per condurlo a Londra, assicurandolo che quivi farebbe passata<sup>10)</sup> e troverebbe la cuccagna<sup>11)</sup>. Franklin vi andò, ma tutti que' belli castelli in aria<sup>12)</sup> svanirono<sup>13)</sup>, e lontano migliaia di miglia dalla patria, consumati nel tragitto i pochi suoi quattrini<sup>14)</sup>, sarebbe stato ridotto<sup>15)</sup> a basir di fame<sup>16)</sup>, se non avesse ripigliato<sup>17)</sup> il lavoro di stampar libri. Laborioso e sobrio<sup>18)</sup> piaceva al suo principale<sup>19)</sup>, ed acquistava riputazione ed una certa autorità sopra i compagni suoi. Questi non sapevano mai risparmiar<sup>20)</sup> qualche soldo, sbevazzavano<sup>21)</sup> tutto il dì, spendevano delle ore<sup>22)</sup> al giuoco e sulla taverna; Beniamino al

1) Inexperienced. 2) thus, therefore, so. 3) seduce. 4) ras-cal, miserable fellow. 5) profuse. 6) poor. 7) *al fatto*, in deeds. 8) *Promettere mari e monti*, to promise mountains of gold. 9) *distorre*, to take away, to get anybody, to leave anything. 10) *far passata*, to make one's fortune. 11) *trovare la cuccagna* (a proverbial expression), to lead a delightful life. 12) *castelli in aria*, castles in the air. 13) *svanire* to vanish. 14) farthings. 15) reduced. 16) *basir di fame*, to starve. 17) *ripigliare qcs.*, to take again, once more to smthg. 18) sober, temperate. 19) master. 20) to save. 21) to carouse. 22) whole hours

\* ) Transl. *the legs . . . , the heads . . .*

contrario beveva acqua, non se la sbirbava al lunedì<sup>23</sup>), lavorava delle ore oltre il dovere, guadagnando di più, facendo meglio e stando meglio di salute e di borsa. Aitavasi anche coll'insegnare il nuoto<sup>24</sup>), col menare barche<sup>25</sup>), con tutti i modi onesti che gli venivano alla mano.

Perfezionato poi nell'arte sua, tornò in America, ove, conosciuto per giovane attento e temperante, trovò chi<sup>26</sup>) lo sovvenne<sup>27</sup>) di danaro per mettere su<sup>28</sup>) una stamperia, e gli procacciò<sup>29</sup>) commissioni<sup>30</sup>).

Desiderando di far bene agli altri, stampava di tempo in tempo libretti e taccuini<sup>31</sup>), alla mano<sup>32</sup>) di tutti, dove espose le massime<sup>33</sup>) della buona condotta e s'ingegnava di abituare i suoi concittadini alla parsimonia, alla fatica, a pensare giusto ed operare<sup>34</sup>) il bene.

23) *sbirbarsela al lunedì*, to make blue, i. e. to leave work on Monday and go drinking. 24) *il nuoto*, swimming. 25) *menar barche*, to boat. 26) *chi*, people who . . . 27) *sovvenire*, to help, to assist. 28) *mettere su*, to establish, set up. 29) to procure. 30) work. 31) almanack. 32) *alla mano*, for the use. 33) principles. 34) to do.

#### DIALOGO.

Che cosa accadde poi a Franklin?

Che gli propose quegli?

Che gli promise il seduttore?

Allorchè Franklin giunse a Londra, trovò che gli fosse stata detta la verità?

Che fece poi lontano migliaia di miglia dalla patria?

Da chi entrò in bottega?

Vi stava bene?

Si occupava anche d'altre cose?

Si fermò per sempre a Londra?

Che intraprese Franklin ritornato in America?

Ebbe buon successo la sua impresa?

Che stampava di tempo in tempo per istruire i concittadini suoi?

## APPENDIX.

### I. PROVERBS.

<i>Chi fa il conto senza l'oste, lo fa due volte.</i>	One should not reckon without one's host.
<i>Chi va al mulino, s'infarina.</i>	He that touches pitch, will defile himself.
<i>Chi dorme coi cani, si sveglia colle pulci.</i>	Bad company spoils good manners.
<i>Bisogna battersi il ferro mentre è caldo.</i>	One must strike the iron while it is hot.
<i>A chi consiglia non duole il capo.</i>	Advising is easier than helping.
<i>Chi la dura la vince.</i>	Patience overcomes any hardship.
<i>La pratica val più della grammatica.</i>	Experience is the best teacher.
<i>Navigare secondo il vento.</i>	To comply with the times; or: to go with the stream.
<i>Tanto ne va a chi ruba, quanto a chi tiene il sacco.</i>	The receiver is as bad as the thief.
<i>I páperi vogliono menare a bere le oche.</i>	Jack Sprat would teach his master.
<i>Invan si pesca, se l'amo non ha esca.</i>	You must grease the lawyer's fist, if you will carry your cause.
<i>Cercare il pelo nell'uovo.</i>	To find faults where there are none.
<i>Dimmi con chi vai, e saprò quello che fai.</i>	Tell me what company you keep, and I'll tell you who you are.
<i>I pensieri non págano dazio.</i>	Thoughts are free.
<i>Il mondo è di chi se lo piglia.</i>	Boldly ventured is half won.
<i>Molto fumo e poco arrosto.</i>	Much ado about nothing.
<i>Raccomandare il lardo alla gatta.</i>	To set a fox to keep the geese.

<i>Cane scottato ha paura del- l'acqua fredda. "</i>	A burnt child dreads the fire.
<i>Appetito non vuol salsa.</i>	Hunger is the best sauce.
<i>Tante teste, tanti cervelli.</i>	So many men, so many minds.
<i>Chi troppo abbraccia, nulla stringe.</i>	He that undertakes to much, brings nothing to an end.
<i>Esser tra l'incudine e il mar- tello.</i>	To be at the pinch.
<i>La volpe perde il pelo, ma non il vizio.</i>	A fox will leave his hair, but not his tricks.
<i>Una rondine non fa prima- vera.</i>	One swallow does not make a summer.

## II. SPECIMENS OF ITALIAN POETRY.

### 1. I due ladri e l'ásino.\*)

Un'orribile contesa<sup>1)</sup>  
 Per un asino rubato  
 Fra due ladri s'era accesa<sup>2)</sup>;  
 L'uno e l'altro era ostinato:  
 L'un dicea: Lo venderemo.  
 Dicea l'altro: Lo terremo<sup>3)</sup>.

Dal gridar vengon all'onte<sup>4)</sup>,  
 E da queste a crudel guerra;  
 E con mani audaci e pronte  
 Afferrati<sup>5)</sup> vanno a terra<sup>6)</sup>,  
 Dove dansi\*\*) pugni, schiaffi<sup>7)</sup>  
 Urti<sup>8)</sup> calci<sup>9)</sup>, morsi e graffi<sup>10)</sup>.

Mentre stanno entrambi attenti<sup>11)</sup>  
 A dar colpi, a far difese,  
 Qual<sup>12)</sup> due cani d'ira ardenti,  
 Venne un terzo ladro, e prese  
 Il somaro<sup>13)</sup>, e sopra quello  
 Monta e trotta via *bel bello*<sup>14)</sup>.

1) Quarrel. 2) *accendersi*, here: to arise. 3) *terremo* fut. of *tenere*, to keep. 4) *venir all'onte*, to say foul things, to injure. 5) *afferrare*, to lay hold; *afferrarsi*, to fight, to box. 6) *andar a terra*, to fall down. 7) blow, box on the ear. 8) *urto*, a hit. 9) *calcio*, a kick. 10) *graffio*, a scratch. 11) *star attento a qcs.*, to be occupied with. . . . 12) like. 13) the ass. 14) *bel bello*, quite merrily.

\*) By *Luigi Grillo*.

\*\*) Instead of: *si danno*.

Finalmente quei cessaro<sup>15</sup>)  
 Stanchi e fiacchi<sup>16</sup>) dalle risse<sup>17</sup>),  
 E vedendo il lor somaro  
 Via sparito<sup>18</sup>), un di lor disse:  
 Mentre noi stiamo in *contese*<sup>19</sup>),  
 Ride un terzo a nostre *spese*<sup>20</sup>).

- 15) to cease. 16) fatigued. 17) *la rissa*, the quarrel, fight.  
 18) *sparir via*, to disappear. 19) *star in contese*, to quarrel.  
 20) *a spese*, at the cost, expense.

## 2. Il rosignuolo<sup>1</sup>) e 'l cardellino<sup>2</sup>).

Un fanciullino udiva  
 Del rosignuolo il canto;  
 E al bosco, donde usciva  
 La voce, gli occhi intanto  
 Volgea<sup>3</sup>), desioso  
 Di scorgere<sup>4</sup>) dov'era  
 Quel dolce melodioso  
 Cantor di primavera<sup>5</sup>).  
 Lo vede tra le fronde (*foliage*),  
 E vede a lui vicino  
 Che ancora si nasconde,  
 Un vispo<sup>6</sup>) cardellino<sup>7</sup>);  
 E questo egli credea  
 L'angel\*) cantor che fosse<sup>7</sup>)  
 Chè\*\*) vaghe<sup>8</sup>) piume<sup>9</sup>) avea  
 E bianche e gialle e rosse,  
 E disse: L'augelletto  
 Che *va* col canto *al cuore*<sup>10</sup>)  
 E questo: l'altro inetto<sup>11</sup>)  
 Mi par al brun colore.  
 Ma questo ha penne belle,  
 E belle a maraviglia,  
 E'l dolce canto a quelle  
 Appunto s'assomiglia<sup>12</sup>).  
 A questo dir<sup>13</sup>), *a volo*  
 Vede l'angel ch'ei vanta  
*Fuggir*<sup>14</sup>), e 'l rosignuolo  
 Ode, che dolce<sup>15</sup>) canta.

- 1) Nightingale. 2) goldfinch. 3) *volgere gli occhi*, to turn the eyes, to look. 4) *scorgere*, to perceive, to see. 5) spring. 6) merry. 7) Constr.: *E egli credeva che questo angel (uccello) fosse il cantore*. 8) charming. 9) feathers. 10) touches the heart. 11) *inetto*, unapt, awkward. Constr.: *L'altro al color bruno mi pare inetto*. 12) *Assomigliarsi*, to resemble. 13) *dire*, word. 14) *fuggir a volo*, to fly away. 15) *dolce* for *dolcemente*.

\*) Poetic. for *uccello*. \*\*) *Chè* for *perchè*.



Allor egli si trova  
 Confuso nel vedere,  
 Che l'abito non prova  
 Nè 'l merto<sup>16)</sup>, nè 'l sapere.

16) merto for merito.

### 3. Voci degli animali\*).

Sui tetti il gatto *miàgola*,  
 Sull'uscio *abbaia* il cane,  
*Crocchian* nei fossi le anitre  
 E *grácidan* le rane.

*Múgghian* le vacche, *belano*  
 Sul prato gli agnellini;  
 E le galline *chiocciano*,  
 Chiamando i lor pulcini.

Presso la stalla l'asino  
*Raglia*, il caval *nitrisce*  
*Tafáni* (*nadflies*) e mosche *rónzano*  
 Ed il maial (*pig*) *grugnisce*.

I passerin *garriscono*  
 La tortorella *geme*,  
 E le colombe placide  
*Tuban* dall'alto insieme.

### 4. Il marinaio\*\*).

Non è ver che io sia meschino,  
 La ricchezza in cor mi abbonda;  
 Questo regno cristallino  
 È il mio súddito fedel.  
 Ho una barca in mezzo all'onda,  
 Ho una stella in mezzo al ciel.

Quella stella innamorata  
 Il cammin a me rischiara;  
 Questa barca rattoppata  
 È il mio trono imperial,  
 La mia culla (*cradle*), la mia bara,  
 Il mio tálamo nuzial.

L'áura è infida ed è ribelle  
 L'onda; è incerta ognor mia sorte;

\*) By B. Malfatti.

\*\*) By G. Pennacchi.

Ma il furor delle procelle (*storms*)  
 Ho imparato a disfidar;  
 Ma di rischi, ma di morte  
 Pieno è il suol siccome il mar.

Sovra l'onda, sopra il suolo  
 Havvi un Dio che ne (*us*) difende;  
 E con Dio sto solo a solo  
 Là nel mezzo all'océan;  
 E il Signor su me distende  
 La benéfica sua man.

5. La farfalla<sup>1)</sup> e il cávolo<sup>2)</sup>\*).

Una certa farfalletta  
 Mossa un dì dall'appetito,  
 Svolazzava in sulla vetta (*top*)  
 D'un bel cavolo fiorito.

E suggendo un breve istante  
 Ora questo ed or quel fiore  
 Nauseata (*disgusted*), disprezzante,  
 Ah! dicea, che reo sapore!

A miei dì non ritrovai  
 Cibo mai sì disgustoso!  
 Cavol mio per me non fai,  
 Sovra te più non mi poso.

A sì fatto complimento,  
 Tosto il cavol replicò:  
 Mia signora a quel ch'io sento,  
 Molto il gusto in voi cangiò.

Vi conobbi in altri arredi,  
 E in più misera fortuna.  
 Foste bruco, ed io vi diedi  
 Molto tempo e cibo e cuna (*cradle*).

Era allora a voi ben grato  
 Il sapor delle mie foglie,  
 Ma cangiando il vostro stato  
 Voi cangiaste ancor le voglie.

Dalla favola s'intende  
 Ciò che segue in uom leggiero:  
 Se la sorte o sale o scende,  
 Sale o scende il suo pensiero.

1) The butterfly. 2) The cabbage.

\*) By C. Clasio.

Ma l'uom saggio mai non falla  
 Nè in superbia nè in viltà:  
 O sia bruco o sia farfalla,  
 Immutabile si sta.

#### 6. La rondinella\*).

Rondinella pellegrina<sup>1)</sup>,  
 Che ti posi in sul verone<sup>2)</sup>,  
 Ricantando ogni mattina  
 Quella flebile<sup>3)</sup> canzone,  
 Che vuoi dirmi in tua favella<sup>4)</sup>,  
 Pellegrina rondinella?

Solitaria<sup>5)</sup> nell'oblio<sup>6)</sup>,  
 Dal tuo sposo abbandonata,  
 Piangi forse al pianto mio,  
 Vedovella sconsolata<sup>7)</sup>?  
 Piangi, piangi in tua favella,  
 Pellegrina rondinella!

Pur di me manco<sup>8)</sup> infelice  
 Tu alle penne al men t'affidi<sup>9)</sup>,  
 Scorri (*to glide along*) il lago e la pendice<sup>10)</sup>,  
 Empi l'aria de' tuoi gridi,  
 Lui chiamando in tua favella,  
 Pellegrina rondinella!

Oh, se anch' io . . . ma lo contende<sup>11)</sup>  
 Questa bassa, angusta volta<sup>12)</sup>,  
 Dove il sole non risplende,  
 Dove l'aria ancor m'è tolta<sup>13)</sup>,  
 Donde a te la mia favella  
 Giunge appena, o rondinella!

Il settembre innanzi<sup>14)</sup> viene,  
 E a lasciarmi ti prepari:

1) Wandering. 2) a large window. 3) sad. 4) language.  
 5) lonely, solitary. 6) oblivion. 7) inconsolable. 8) *manco* = *meno*.  
 Constr.: *Pure (yet) meno infelice di me.* 9) *affidarsi*, to trust to . . .  
*tu t'affidi alle tue penne*, thou trustest to thy wings. 10) the  
 brow of a hill. 11) *contendere*, here: to forbid. 12) *volta*, vault.  
 13) *torre*, to take, to deprive of . . . 14) *Venir innanzi*, to draw  
 near, to approach.

\*) Taken from *Marco Visconti*, a novel by Tommaso Grossi.  
 This little poem, a master-piece of harmony and sentiment, is  
 as well known in Italy as e. g. Th. Moore's *Evening Bells* in  
 England.

Tu vedrai lontane arene<sup>15</sup>),  
Nuovi monti e nuovi mari,  
Salutando in tua favella,  
Pellegrina rondinella!

Ed io tutte le mattine  
Riaprendo<sup>16</sup>) gli occhi al pianto,  
Tra le nevi e fra le brine<sup>17</sup>)  
Crederò d'udir quel canto.  
Onde par<sup>18</sup>) che in tua favella  
Mi compiangi<sup>19</sup>), o rondinella!

Una croce in primavera  
Troverai su questo suolo;  
Rondinella, in su<sup>20</sup>) la sera  
Sovra a lei raccogli<sup>21</sup>) il volo<sup>22</sup>),  
Dille<sup>23</sup>) pace in tua favella,  
Pellegrina rondinella!

15) *arene* (sandy) coasts. 16) *riaprire*, to open once more. 17) *brina*, rime hoarfrost. 18) Constr.: *Onde* (wherewith) *pare* (it seems) *che tu, o rondinella, mi compiangi in tua favella*. 19) *compiangere*, to weep for. 20) *in su*, towards. 21) *raccogliere*, here: to stop. 22) *il volo*, the flight. 23) *dille*, contract. of *dì*, tell, and *le*, her i. e. to the cross.

## 7. Il primo giorno dell'anno.

Era la notte omai<sup>1</sup>) giunta<sup>2</sup>) a quell'ora  
Che un dall'altr'anno dividea<sup>3</sup>) un istante,  
Nè so<sup>4</sup>) se in sogno, o<sup>5</sup>) foss'io desto allora<sup>6</sup>)  
Che<sup>6</sup>) scontraronsi entrambi a me<sup>7</sup>) dinante.

L'uno era vecchio, sì<sup>8</sup>), ma preste<sup>9</sup>) ancora  
Aveva pronto a partir l'ale e le piante<sup>10</sup>);  
L'altro pareva sospirar<sup>11</sup>) l'aurora  
Per mostrar fuori il giovenil sembiante.

Entro, mi disse l'un qui pellegrino,  
Tuo nel mondo compagno. Ah! chi di noi  
Compierà<sup>12</sup>) primo il suo vital cammino?

Addio, l'altro soggiunse<sup>13</sup>); ed io ritorno  
Dei vecchi nel sen<sup>14</sup>), per sorger<sup>15</sup>) poi  
Pieno dell'opre tue l'estremo<sup>16</sup>) giorno.

1) *Omai* = *oramai*, already. 2) *giungere*, to arrive, to come. 3) *dividere*, to separate. 4) *sapere* (so, sai, sa, sappiamo, etc.), to know. 5) add: *se foss'io* . . . etc. 6) *allora che* = *allorchè*, when. 7) *a me dinante*, dinanzi a me. 8) true. 9) quick. 10) add: *dei piedi*, feet (pars pro toto). 11) to sigh for, to long for. 12) accomplish, finish. 13) *soggiungere*, to add. 14) *nel sen dei vecchi*, to the bosoms of the old ones. 15) *sorgere*, to arise. 16) *estremo*, extreme last.

8. In morte<sup>1)</sup> del fratello Giovanni.

Un dì<sup>2)</sup>, s'io<sup>3)</sup> non andrò sempre fuggendo  
 Di gente in gente, me vedrai seduto  
 Sulla tua pietra<sup>4)</sup>, o fratel mio, gemendo  
 Il fior de' tuoi gentili anni caduto.

La madre or sol<sup>5)</sup>, suo dì tardo traendo<sup>6)</sup>,  
 Parla di me col tuo cenere<sup>7)</sup> muto;  
 Ma io<sup>8)</sup> deluse a voi le palme<sup>9)</sup> tendo,  
 E sol da lunge i miei tetti<sup>10)</sup> saluto.

Sento gli avversi numi<sup>11)</sup> e le secrete  
 Cure che al viver tuo furon tempesta,  
 E prego anch'io nel tuo porto qu'iete.

Questo di tanta speme<sup>12)</sup> oggi mi resta!  
 Straniere genti, almen l'ossa rendete  
 Allora al petto della madre mesta.

Ugo Foscolo.\*)

1) *In morte* = *in memoria della morte*. 2) *dì*, from Latin: "dies" = *giorno*, day. 3) *se io*. 4) *pietra*, tomb(stone). 5) *sol* = *sola*, alone. 6) *trarre*, to carry, to drag. Construe: *traendo suo dì tardo*, dragging on her weary days. 7) *cenere*, like "cinders" = ashes. 8) *deludere*, to cheat, *deluse*, robbed. 9) *le palme*, add: *delle mani*, hands. 10) *tetto*, roof, house. 11) adverse fortunes. 12) *speme* = *speranza*, hope.

## 9. Alla camera del Petrarca\*\*).

O camerettà<sup>1)</sup>, che già in te chiudesti  
 Quel grande, alla cui fama angusto<sup>2)</sup> è il mondo,  
 Quel sì gentil d'amor mastro profondo<sup>3)</sup>,  
 Per cui Laura ebbe in terra onor<sup>4)</sup> celesti;

O di pensier sòavemente<sup>5)</sup> mesti<sup>6)</sup>  
 Solitario ricovero<sup>7)</sup> giocondo;  
 Di quai<sup>8)</sup> lacrime amare il petto inondo  
 Nel veder ch'oggi inonorata<sup>9)</sup> resti!

1) Little chamber. 2) narrow, small. 3) *quel così gentil maestro di profondo amore*. 4) *onori*. 5) sweetly. 6) *mesto*, sad. 7) shelter. 8) *quai*. Construe: *solitario, giocondo ricovero di pensieri soavemente mesti, di quante (quai) lacrime innondo* (lit.: I flood = it floods). 9) unhonoured.

\*) Ugo Foscolo, born at Zante in 1778, died in a London prison for insolvent debtors in 1823, was one of the greatest Italian poets of the first half of the XIX century.

\*\*) Francesco Petrarca (1304—1374), next to Dante the greatest and most celebrated of Italian poets.

Prezioso diaspro<sup>10</sup>), agata ed oro  
 Foran<sup>11</sup>) debito<sup>12</sup>) fregio<sup>13</sup>), e appena degno  
 Di rivestir<sup>14</sup>) sì nobile tesoro.

Ma no: tomba fregar d'uom ch'ebbe regno  
 Vuolsi, e por gemme ove disdice alloro<sup>15</sup>):  
 Qui basta il nome di quel divo<sup>16</sup>) ingegno.

10) Jaspis. 11) *foran* (Lat.: fore), shall be, *ought to be* rarely used, even in poetry. 12) *debito*, here adjective = due. 13) *frieze*. 14) *clothe*. 15) Constr.: *vuolsi* (*si vuole* = *è necessario* = *si deve*) *fregar* (adorn with friezes) *la tomba d(un) uom(o) che ebbe regno* (= *che era sul trono*), *e por* (to place) *gemme ove (dove) alloro* (laurel wreaths) *disdice* (= *manca*). 16) *divo* = *divino*.

### 10. Third Canto of Dante's *Inferno*.

Dante's immortal poem is written in *Terza rima* (= ternary rhyme; *lit.* third rhyme), i. e. in strophes of *three* lines, each of which consists of *eleven* syllables. The rhymes of a *terzina* thus follow one another: the *first* line rhymes with the *third*, the *second* with the *fourth*, the *fourth* with the *sixth*, the *fifth* with the *seventh* and so on, to the end of the Canto, where a single line (called *Tornello*) rhymes with the *second* line of the *last* *Terzina* and thus terminates the whole Canto.

For the sake of greater perspicuity we here subjoin an example.

I. Terzina.	II. Terzina.	III. Terzina.	Last Terzina.	Tornello.
Rhym.: <i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>
<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>z</i>	
<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>y</i>	

The argument of the third Canto is as follows:

Dante with his guide, the shade of Virgil, approaches the gate of hell. Above this gate he reads the terrible inscription which this Canto begins with. In order to encourage the poet, Virgil enters first; Dante follows. In the forecourt he sees the cowards (*gl'ignavi*), those that, whilst living, were neither good nor wicked. Hence they come to the shores of *Acheron* where *Charon* ferries the condemned souls across in his boat. — Dazzled by a strong light, the poet falls into a profound sleep.

English students, desirous of reading Dante's poem, will do well to consult Longfellow's excellent translation. Each Canto should be read first in English and then in Italian. They will thus save much time and trouble.

As a model of Dante's style, we give here the third Canto of the first part.

## Canto Terzo.

«Per me si va nella città dolente<sup>[1]</sup>,  
 Per me si va nell'eterno dolore,  
 Per me si va tra la perduta gente<sup>[2]</sup>.  
 Giustizia mosse il mio alto fattore<sup>[3]</sup>,  
 Fécemi la divina potestate<sup>[4]</sup>,  
 La somma sapienza e il primo amore<sup>[5]</sup>.  
 Dinanzi a me<sup>[6]</sup> non fur<sup>[7]</sup> cose create<sup>[8]</sup>,  
 Se non eterne<sup>[9]</sup>, ed io eterno<sup>[10]</sup> duro:  
 Lasciate ogni speranza voi ch'entrate.»  
 Queste parole di colore oscuro<sup>[11]</sup>  
 Vid'io scritte al sommo<sup>[12]</sup> d'una porta;  
 Perch'io<sup>[13]</sup>: Maestro, il senso lor m'è duro<sup>[14]</sup>.  
 Ed egli a me<sup>[15]</sup>, come persona accorta<sup>[16]</sup>:  
 Qui si convien lasciare ogni sospetto<sup>[17]</sup>;  
 Ogni viltà convien che qui sia morta.  
 Noi sem<sup>[18]</sup> venuti al loco<sup>[19]</sup> ov'io t'ho detto  
 Che tu vedrai le genti dolorose,  
 Ch'anno<sup>[20]</sup> perduto il ben dell'intelletto<sup>[21]</sup>.  
 E poichè<sup>[22]</sup> la sua mano alla mia pose,  
 Con lieto volto, ond'i'<sup>[23]</sup> mi confortai,  
 Mi mise dentro alle segrete cose<sup>[24]</sup>.

[1] The suffering city, the abode of distress, grief. [2] *la perduta gente*, the lost people = those that are lost for ever. [3] *giustizia mosse il mio alto fattore*, justice moved my sublime creator, add: to create me. [4] *mi fece la divina potestà*, I was created by the Almighty. [5] *il primo amore*. Italian interpreters explain this passage thus: the Holy Ghost (*il primo amore*) created hell as a place of punishment for those that sinned against Christian love. [6] *dinanzi a me*, before me. [7] *fur*, poet. for *furono*. [8] *cose create*, created things. [9] *se non eterne* (i. e. *cose*) only eternal things. [10] *eterno* for *eternamente*. [11] *di colore oscuro*, written in a dark colour. [12] *in sommo* = at the top. [13] *perchè io* = *per cui*, therefore, add: *dissi*. [14] *il senso lor m'è duro*, their sense is hard for me = *mi è aspro*, *mi spaventa*, terrifies me. [15] *ed egli a me*, add: *disse*. [16] *come persona accorta* = *come colui che aveva bene penetrato la cagione del suo sbigottimento*, like one who well knew the reason of his terror. [17] *qui si convien lasciare ogni sospetto*, *ogni viltà convien che qui sia morta*, in this place you must lay aside every suspicion, all unmanly fear (*viltà*) must here disappear (*sia morta*), for this terrible inscription does not concern you. [18] *sem* = *siamo*. [19] *loco* = *luogo*. [20] *ch'anno* = *che hanno*. [21] *il ben dell'intelletto* = God, the highest, the only truth, the human intelligence may be satisfied with. [22] *poichè* = *dopochè*. [23] *ond'i'* = *onde io*, whereupon I... [24] *mi mise dentro alle segrete cose*, he initiated me into the secret things.

Quivi sospiri, pianti ed alti guai<sup>[25]</sup>  
 Risonavan per l'aer senza stelle<sup>[26]</sup>.  
 Perch'io<sup>[27]</sup> al cominciar ne lagrimai.

Diverse lingue, orribili favelle.  
 Parole di dolore, accenti d'ira<sup>[28]</sup>,  
 Voci alte e fioche<sup>[29]</sup>, e suon di man<sup>[30]</sup> con elle<sup>[31]</sup>.

Facevano un tumulto, il qual s'aggira<sup>[32]</sup>  
 Sempre in quell'aria senza tempo<sup>[33]</sup>, tinta,  
 Come la rena<sup>[34]</sup>, quando il turbo<sup>[35]</sup> spira.

Ed io, ch'avea d'error<sup>[36]</sup> la testa cinta,  
 Dissi: Maestro, che è quel ch'i' odo?  
 E che gent' è, che par del duol sì vinta?<sup>[37]</sup>

Ed egli a me: Questo misero modo  
 Tengon<sup>[38]</sup> l'anime triste<sup>[39]</sup> di coloro  
 Che visser senza infamia e senza lodo<sup>[40]</sup>.

Mischiate sono a quel cattivo coro<sup>[41]</sup>  
 Degli angeli che non furon ribelli,  
 Nè fur<sup>[42]</sup> fedeli a Dio, ma per sè foro<sup>[43]</sup>.

[25] *guai*, lamentation (*guai* is properly said of dogs that whine). *Guai a voi!* Woe to you! [26] *l'aer senza stelle*. The poet's imagination represents the fore-court of hell as an immense space like the firmament (*l'aer, aria, air*), but no stars are there to be seen. [27] *perchè*, wherefore. [28] *accenti d'ira*, cries of anger. [29] *voci alti e fioche*, shrill and groaning voices. [30] *suon di mano*. The condemned souls clasp their hands above their heads (a sign of despair). [31] *con elle*, i. e. *colle voci*. [32] *s'aggira sempre*, always turns round = never ceases. [33] *senza tempo*, without time = eternally. [34] *la rena* for *l'arena*, the sand. [35] *turbo*, for *turbine*, whirlwind. [36] *ch'avea d'error la testa cinta*, who had his head girt with error = who was quite puzzled, whose mind was confounded. Others read: *d'orror . . . cinta*. [37] *che par del duol sì vinta*, that seem quite overcome by pain. [38] *questo misero modo tengono*, in this miserable state are. [39] *triste*, here: miserable. [40] *lodo* for *lode*, praise. Dante means those who were lukewarm in the great moral strife between good and bad, neutral in the great political contest between the Guelfs and Ghibellines. Theirs is the same fate as that of those outcast angels that were neutral in the strife between God and Satan. Heaven spurns them, lest its beauty might be tarnished by their presence, and hell does not receive them. [41] *cattivo coro*, the wicked band. Dante often employs the word *coro* [= choir, chorus] to denote a certain number of people that pursue the same occupation or are destined to the same fate. [42] *nè* = *e non*. [43] *foro* = *furono*, were.



E cacciàrli<sup>[44]</sup> i ciel per non esser men belli<sup>[45]</sup>,  
 Nè<sup>[42]</sup> lo profondo inferno gli riceve,  
 Chè alcuna gloria i rei avrebber d'elli<sup>[46]</sup>.  
 Ed io: Maestro, che è tanto greve  
 A lor<sup>[47]</sup>, che lamentar gli far si forte?  
 Rispose: Dicerolti<sup>[48]</sup> molto breve.  
 Questi<sup>[49]</sup> non hanno speranza di morte,  
 E la lor cieca<sup>[50]</sup> vita è tanto bassa,  
 Che invidiosi son d'ogni altra sorte<sup>[51]</sup>.  
 Fama di lor il mondo esser non lassa<sup>[52]</sup>  
 Misericordia e Giustizia gli sdegna:  
 Non ragioniam di lor<sup>[53]</sup>, ma guarda e passa.  
 Ed io, che riguardai, vidi un' insegna<sup>[54]</sup>,  
 Che girando correva tanto ratta<sup>[55]</sup>,  
 Che d'ogni posa<sup>[56]</sup> mi pareva indegna<sup>[57]</sup>:  
 E dietro le<sup>[58]</sup> venia<sup>[59]</sup> sì lunga tratta<sup>[60]</sup>  
 Di gente, ch'io non avrei creduto,  
 Che morte tanto n'avesse disfatta<sup>[61]</sup>.  
 Poscia ch'io v'ebbi alcun riconosciuto,  
 Guardai e vidi l'ombra di colui<sup>[62]</sup>  
 Che fece per viltate il gran rifiuto.

[44] *cacciàrli* = *li cacciarono*. [45] *per non esser men belli*, lest they might appear less beautiful. [46] lest the souls of the reprobate might feel glad to see these neutrals exposed to the same punishment they have met with for their crime (*elli* obsolete form for *essi*). [47] *che è tanto greve* (= *grave*) a *lor*, what is there so terrible for them? [48] *dicerolti* = *te lo dirò*. [49] *questi*, i. e. those neutral angels and those lukewarm men. [50] *cieca* = *abbietta*, miserable, abject, blind, aimless. [51] that they envy any other lot, even that of the condemned souls. [52] *fama di lor il mondo esser non lassa* = *il mondo non permette che di loro sopravviva la fama* (memory). [53] *non ragioniam di loro*, let us speak no longer of them. Here Dante gives the greatest expression to his contempt. [54] *un' insegna*, a standard. [55] *che girando, correva tanto ratta*, that turning round about ran so quickly = that turned so quickly round about itself. [56] *posa* = *riposo*. [57] *indegna*, does not mean here unworthy, but *sdegnosa*, despising, i. e. it (the standard) seemed to despise any repose; it was in perpetual motion. [58] *dietro le*, behind it. [59] *venia* = *veniva*. [60] *tratta* = *seguito*, a procession or train. [61] *disfare*, to undo, to destroy, to snatch away. [62] *l'ombra di colui che per viltate fece il gran rifiuto*, the shade of him that by pusillanimity had made the great refusal. Dante here means the hermit *Pietro Morone*, who, elected as pope by the title of Celestine V., did not accept his election. In his stead Bonifacius VIII. was elected, Dante's antagonist. The poet, abandoning the pope's party for that of the emperor, hated Bonifacius, and therefore places the hermit *Pietro Morone* among the cowards (*ignavi*) that he sees in the fore-court of hell.

Incontanente intesi<sup>[63]</sup>, e certo fui  
 Che quest'era la setta<sup>[64]</sup> dei cattivi  
 A Dio spiacenti ed a' nemici sui<sup>[65]</sup>.  
 Questi sciaurati<sup>[66]</sup>, che mai non fur vivi<sup>[67]</sup>,  
 Erano ignudi<sup>[68]</sup>, e stimolati molto<sup>[69]</sup>  
 Da mosconi e da vespe ch'eran ivi.  
 Elle rigavan<sup>[70]</sup> lor di sangue il volto,  
 Che mischiato di lagrime, a' lor piedi  
 Da fastidiosi<sup>[71]</sup> vermi era ricolto<sup>[72]</sup>.  
 E poi che a riguardare oltre mi diedi<sup>[73]</sup>,  
 Vidi gente alla riva d'un gran fiume;  
 Perch'io dissi: Maestro, or mi concedi<sup>[74]</sup>  
 Ch'io sappia quali sono, e qual costume<sup>[75]</sup>  
 Le fa parer di trapassar sì pronte<sup>[76]</sup>,  
 Com'io discerno<sup>[77]</sup> per lo fioco<sup>[78]</sup> lume.  
 Ed egli a me: Lo cose te fien<sup>[79]</sup> conte<sup>[80]</sup>,  
 Quando noi fermerem li<sup>[81]</sup> nostri passi  
 Sulla trista riviera d'Acheronte<sup>[82]</sup>.  
 Allor con gli occhi vergognosi e bassi,  
 Temendo no'l mio dir gli fusse grave<sup>[83]</sup>.  
 Infino al fiume di parlar mi trassi<sup>[84]</sup>.

[63] *incontanente intesi*, I directly understood. [64] *setta*, a sect, here: the band of those miserable ones (*cattivi*). [65] *a Dio spiacenti ed a' nemici suoi*, displeasing to God and to his enemies. [66] *sciaurati* for *sciagurati*, those wicked, miserable people. [67] *che mai non fur vivi*, that were never living, i. e. that never gave a sign of life. [68] *ignudi*, naked. [69] *stimolati molto*, dreadfully stung. [70] *rigavan* from *rigare*, to stripe, to streak. The wasps sting them so deeply, that blood runs over their faces and thus: *elle rigavan lor di sangue il volto*, they (the wasps) streaked their faces with blood. [71] *fastidiosi*, loathsome, tedious. [72] *ricolto* for *raccolto*, gathered, here: sucked up. [73] *mi diedi*, I began. [74] *mi concedi ch'io sappia*, allow, permit me to know = tell me. [75] *costume*, custom, with Dante often used instead of *legge*, law. [76] *le fa parer di trapassar sì pronte*, lets them appear so ready to get over (the river). [77] *com'io discerno* as I discern = as I can see. [78] *fioco*, dim. [79] *fien*, obsol. for *saranno*. [80] *conte* = *contate* = *raccontate*, told. [81] *li*, obsol. for *i*. [82] *Acheronte*, the Acheron. In Greek Mythology the river which the souls of the deceased must pass. Dante, in his poem combines Pagan and Christian elements. Virgil, his leader through hell and partly through purgatory, represents the ancient world, whereas *Beatrice* who leads him through purgatory and heaven, represents Christianity. [83] *no'l (che il mio dir non)*; here: *non il = no'l mio dir gli fusse (fosse) grave*, (fearing) my words could displease him. [84] *di parlar mi trassi (m'astenni)*, I abstained from speaking, i. e. I grew silent.

Ed ecco verso noi venir<sup>[85]</sup> per nave  
 Un vecchio bianco per antico pelo<sup>[86]</sup>,  
 Gridando: Guai a voi anime prave!<sup>[87]</sup>

Non isperate mai veder lo<sup>[88]</sup> cielo:  
 Or vegno per menarvi all'altra riva,  
 Nelle tenebre eterne, in caldo e in gelo<sup>[89]</sup>.

E tu che se'<sup>[90]</sup> costì, anima viva,  
 Partiti<sup>[91]</sup> da cotesti che son morti.  
 Ma poi ch'ei vide ch'io non mi partiva,

Disse: per altre vie, per altri porti<sup>[92]</sup>  
 Verrai a piaggia<sup>[93]</sup>, non quì: per passare  
 Più lieve legno convien che ti porti<sup>[94]</sup>.

E il Duca<sup>[95]</sup> a lui: Caron non ti crucciare<sup>[96]</sup>;  
 Vuolsi così colà<sup>[97]</sup>, dove si puote  
 Ciò che si vuole<sup>[98]</sup>, e più non dimandare<sup>[99]</sup>.

Quindi fur quete le lanose gote<sup>[100]</sup>  
 Al<sup>[101]</sup> nocchier<sup>[102]</sup> della livida<sup>[103]</sup> palude,  
 Che 'ntorno<sup>[104]</sup> agli occhi avea di fiamme rote<sup>[105]</sup>.

Ma quell'anime ch'eran lasse e nude  
 Cangiar<sup>[106]</sup> colore e dibatterò i denti,  
 Ratto che<sup>[107]</sup> 'nteser le parole crude<sup>[108]</sup>.

[85] *venir* = *viene* = *venne*, comes; hist. pres. = hist. inf. = hist. perfed. historical Infinitive (see II. P. Less. 20. I. § 4). [86] *per antico pelo*, with a white (ancient, old) beard. [87] *prave*, corrupted, wicked. [88] *lo* for *il*. [89] *in caldo e in gelo*, in heat and frost. [90] *se'* for *sei*, thou art. [91] *partirsi*, to depart, to leave. [92] *porti* for *barche*, boats. [93] *a piaggia*, ashore. [94] *più lieve legno* (*legno*, lit. wood; here: ship, boat = pars pro toto) *convien che ti porti*, a lighter ship must carry thee, i. e. thou canst not cross the river in the same boat with those that are deceased, and it is not my business to ferry thee over. Charon speaks these words in a somewhat angry tone. [95] *duca*, here: leader. [96] *non ti crucciare*, don't be angry. [97] *vuolsi così colà*, lit. thus it is willed there . . . [98] *dove si puote* (*può*) *ciò che si vuole*, where one is able to do what one will (may) = in heaven. Almighty God is alone able to do anything he wishes. [99] *e più non dimandare*, don't ask further questions. [100] *quindi fur quete le lanose gote*, thereupon grew quiet the hairy cheeks = he grew silent. [101] instead of *al*, substitute *del*. [102] *nocchier*, the ferryman. [103] *livido*, dark. [104] *'ntorno* for *intorno*. [105] *avea rote di fiamme*, had wheels of fire = he rolled his fiery eyes. [106] *cangiar* for *cangiarono* for *cambiarono*; *dibatterò* for *dibatterono*, gnashed. [107] *ratto che* = *tosto che* (lat. *simulac*), as soon as . . . [108] *crude* = *crudeli*.

Bestemmiavano Iddio e i lor parenti,  
L'umana specie<sup>[109]</sup>, il luogo, il tempo, e il seme  
Di lor semenza<sup>[110]</sup> e di lor nascimenti<sup>[111]</sup>.

Poi si ritrasser tutte quante<sup>[112]</sup> insieme,  
Forte piangendo, alla riva malvagia<sup>[113]</sup>,  
Ch'attende ciascun uom che Dio non teme.

Caron dimonio<sup>[114]</sup>, con occhi di bragia<sup>[115]</sup>  
Loro accennando<sup>[116]</sup> tutte le raccoglie<sup>[117]</sup>;  
Batte col remo qualunque s'adagia<sup>[118]</sup>.

Come d'autunno<sup>[119]</sup> si levan<sup>[120]</sup> le foglie  
L'una appresso dell'altra infin che 'l ramo  
Rende alla terra tutte le sue spoglie<sup>[121]</sup>,

Similmente il mal seme d'Adamo<sup>[122]</sup>  
Gittansi<sup>[123]</sup> di quel lido ad una ad una  
Per cenni<sup>[124]</sup> com' augel per suo richiamo<sup>[125]</sup>.

Così sen vanno su<sup>[126]</sup> per l'onda bruna,  
E avanti che sian di là discese<sup>[127]</sup>.  
Anche di qua<sup>[128]</sup> nova schiera s'aduna<sup>[129]</sup>.

Figliuol mio, disse il Maestro cortese,  
Quelli che muoion nell'ira di Dio  
Tutti convengon qui<sup>[130]</sup> d'ogni paese:

E pronti sono a trapassar lo<sup>[131]</sup> rio:  
Chè<sup>[132]</sup> la divina Giustizia li sprona<sup>[133]</sup>.  
Sì che la tema si volge in disio<sup>[134]</sup>.

[109] *specie* = *esseri*, beings; here: humanity. [110] *il seme di or semenza*, lit.: the seed of their seed = the fathers of their fathers. [111] *e di lor nascimenti*, their own birth. [112] *tutte quante*, all together. [113] *malvagia*, properly wicked, here: unfortunate. [114] *Caron dimonio*, the demoniacal Ch. [115] *bragia* for *prace*, coal-fire, here: fire. [116] *loro accennando*, beckoning to them. [117] *le raccoglie*, gathers them, takes them in his boat. [118] *qualunque s'adagia*, whoever tarries. [119] *d'autunno*, in autumn. [120] *levarsi*, here: to fall. [121] *le sue spoglie*, lit.: its spoils, its dress (the leaves form the tree's dress). [122] *il mal seme d'Adamo*, Adam's wicked children. [123] *gittansi* (for *si gittano*), they hasten. The plural here refers to the collect. *seme*. [124] *per cenni*, at his beck. [125] *com'augel per suo richiamo*, like a bird at the call (decoy). [126] *sen vanno su*, they drive on. [127] *e avanti che sian di là discese*, before they got out of the boat (at the other side of the river). [128] *di qua*, on this side. [129] *nuova schiera s'aduna*, a new troop comes together, assembles. [130] *convengon qui*, come here together. [131] *lo* for *il*, *rio* for *rivo* (*ri-viera*), modern It.: bank; old It.: river. [132] *chè* = *perchè*. [133] *sprona*, spurs, stimulates them. [134] *sì che la tema si volge in disio*, so that their fear turns into (becomes a) desire.

Quinci non passa mai anima buona:  
 E però se Caron di te si lagna<sup>[135]</sup>,  
 Ben puoi saper omai che 'l suo dir suona<sup>[136]</sup>.  
 Finito questo, la buia campagna<sup>[137]</sup>  
 Tremò sì forte, che dello spavento  
 La mente<sup>[138]</sup> di sudore ancor<sup>[139]</sup> mi bagna.  
 La terra lagrimosa<sup>[140]</sup> diede vento<sup>[141]</sup>,  
 Che balenò<sup>[142]</sup> una luce vermiglia,  
 La qual mi vinse ciascun sentimento<sup>[143]</sup>;  
 E caddi<sup>[144]</sup> come l'uom cui sonno piglia<sup>[145]</sup>.

[135] *se Caron di te si lagna*, if Ch. complains of thee = is angry with thee, i. e. because he can't bring thee over the river like the other condemned souls. [136] *ben puoi saper omai che'l suo dir suona*, thou wilt now understand the meaning of his angry words. [137] *la buia campagna*, the gloomy field. [138] *che dello spavento la mente* = *memoria, ricordanza*, that the remembrance of this terrible phenomenon. [139] *ancor*, even now. [140] *la terra lagrimosa*, the ground wet with tears. [141] *diede* = *mandò fuori*, sent forth. [142] *che* (= *in cui*) *balenò*, through which flashed. [143] *la qual mi vinse ciascun sentimento*, that conquered in me every feeling, i. e. that made me swoon by its dazzling splendour. [144] *caddi*, I fell down. [145] *come l'uom cui* (= whom) *sonno piglia*, like a man overpowered by sleep.

### III. SPECIMENS OF ITALIAN PROSE.

#### Le grotte di Catullo\*).

Chi per la grande pianura lombarda muove<sup>1)</sup> da Brescia a Verona, dopo circa venti miglia di dilettevole via s'incontra<sup>2)</sup> in un luogo splendido delle più care<sup>3)</sup> bellezze di cui la natura fosse mai cortese a questa bellissima Italia. Ivi in ubertosa<sup>4)</sup> campagna è il limpido Benáco\*\*) coronato di leggiadri colli, di lietissimi giardini e di ampie<sup>5)</sup> selve di ulivi, di aranci e di cedri che rallégrano l'aspetto del paesaggio<sup>6)</sup> e odórano soavemente l'aere coi loro profumi: ivi il cielo sereno, la terra fiorita, e le argéntee<sup>7)</sup> onde sémbrano ricambiarsi<sup>8)</sup> concordemente un saluto di affetto e mandare<sup>9)</sup> un perpétuo sorriso. Le popolose borgate<sup>10)</sup>, le biancheggianti<sup>11)</sup> ville sedenti

1) Moves, travels. 2) *incontrarsi*, to meet with, to arrive. 3) rich. 4) fertile. 5) vast. 6) landscape. 7) silver. 8) *ricambiarsi*, to exchange. 9) to offer. 10) borough. 11) white, shining.

\*) Selected from: *Studi storici e morali intorno alla letteratura latina* by Atto Vanucci.

\*\*) The lake of Garda, also called *Lago di Salò* (Lat. *Benacus*).

allo specchio del lago o seminate qua e là pei fronzuti<sup>12</sup>) colli fanno gradévole<sup>13</sup>) contrasto colla lieta verzura<sup>14</sup>) delle vigne, dei limoni e dei lauri: e le dirupate montagne coperte di nevi réndono da lungi più pittoresca la vista. Da ogni parte sórgono<sup>15</sup>) turríte<sup>16</sup>) castella, belli abituri<sup>17</sup>) e vaghe<sup>18</sup>) ópere di natura e di arte graziosamente intrecciate<sup>19</sup>): dappertutto la natura resa<sup>20</sup>) più feconda dalle operose industrie dell'uomo. Frequenti anche i luoghi che commuóvono la fantasia con dolorose e liete memoríe. Qui Garda, ove *stette prígione*<sup>21</sup>) la bella Adelaide: là un castello di casa Scaligera<sup>22</sup>), ricetto<sup>23</sup>) un tempo<sup>24</sup>) a giullari<sup>25</sup>) e a magnánimi spiriti: e dalla banda<sup>26</sup>) opposta Manerba, ove la tradizione narra che fu l'Alighieri\*) e forse vi compose quei versi famosi in cui descrive il lago e rammenta<sup>27</sup>) Peschiera come bello e forte arnese<sup>28</sup>) di guerra. Se poi la mente si spinge<sup>29</sup>) più lontano in cerca di antiche memorie, vede Virgilio errare sulle rive del lago e osservarne le furiose tempeste e accennarle<sup>30</sup>) in quei versi divini che in brevi parole conténgono il più bell' inno di lode che mai fosse cantato all'Italia. Ma il nome di cui<sup>31</sup>) più<sup>32</sup>) suoni il luogo anche<sup>33</sup>) nella bocca dei pescatori e dei villici<sup>34</sup>), è quello di un altro poeta che quí ebbe stanza gradita<sup>35</sup>) e riposo dopo i viaggi in estranee<sup>36</sup>) regioni e agio<sup>37</sup>) a cantare gli *amori e le delizie di questo suo nido fiorito*. Volgétevi alla bella penisola di Sirmione che siede nella parte orientale del lago, e i poveri abitatori e le antiche rovine vi ricorderanno Catullo e gli avanzi<sup>38</sup>) di un grande edificio che dicono essere stato l'abitazione di lui.

La penisola si estende a circa tre miglia di giro: al suo principio oggi ha un piccolo borgo<sup>39</sup>) con povere casipole di pescatori, tra le quali sorge sempre in apparenza minacciosa la turríta fortezza degli Scaligeri<sup>22</sup>). Più avanti, ove il terreno si alza in un colle di lieve salita<sup>40</sup>) tutto ricoperto di

12) woody. 13) *gradecole* for *aggradevole*. 14) *verzura*, the verdure. 15) *sorgere*, to rise. 16) *turrite castella*, castles with turrets. 17) cottages. 18) charming. 19) *intrecciare*, to entwine, to unite. 20) *resa* from *rendere*. 21) *star prígione*, to be a prisoner. 22) *la casa Scaligera*, an ancient noble Italian family. 23) *ricetto*, a hospitable house. 24) once, formerly. 25) minstrel. 26) = *costa*. 27) *rammentare*, to mention, to record. 28) bulwark, fortress. 29) *spingersi*, to penetrate, to rove. 30) *accennare*, to mention. 31) *di cui*, whereof. 32) the most. 33) even. 34) peasants. 35) *aver stanza gradita*, to be well received. 36) foreign. 37) *agio*, here: leisure. 38) remnant. 39) borough. 40) *lieve, salita*, an easy ascent.

\*) *Dante*.

rigoglioso<sup>41)</sup> e folto uliveto<sup>42)</sup> s'incontrano vie sotterránnee coperte da grandi volte<sup>43)</sup> che chiamano ancora le grotte di Catullo. Per queste vie tenebrose o illuminate solo a sprazzi<sup>44)</sup> da qualche raggio di sole che ora vi pénétra per le screpolature<sup>45)</sup> delle volte e del sovrapposto terreno, gli abitanti del luogo dicono che Catullo andava a solitario passeggio, quando usciva dal suo palazzo. Così essi danno al gentile poeta un'aria e un fare misterioso quale si addirebbe<sup>46)</sup> a qualche signorotto<sup>47)</sup> del medio evo: ma ciò non toglie nulla alla stima per esso di cui tengono cara memoria. Più oltre<sup>48)</sup> pezzi di grosse mura móstrano gli avanzi di una costruzione<sup>49)</sup> quadrilunga che dicono aver servito di bagno al poeta. Finalmente all'estremità della penisola sono gli avanzi di quella che chiamano la villa di lui. Tutto ora è in piena rovina, e nulla lascia intravedere<sup>50)</sup> con quale órdine fosse architettato<sup>51)</sup> il grande edificio: ma quelle rovine stesse che si estendono per largo spazio, quelle solidissime mura composte di strati alternativi<sup>52)</sup> di mattoni<sup>53)</sup>, di cemento e di pietre, quei pilastri e quelle volte maestose ricórdano le più stupende costruzioni romane.

Dall'alto di quelle rovine d'onde a un sol colpo d'occhio<sup>54)</sup> si presentano tutte le più deliziose bellezze del lago e degli ameni<sup>55)</sup> colli che gli fanno corona, si comprende come Catullo aveva ragione di chiamare Sirmione\*) la pupilla delle isole e delle penisole, e dal quel punto<sup>56)</sup> si sente tutto l'incanto e tutta la verità di quella poesia leggiadrissima.

41) luxuriant. 42) olive-grove. 43) vault. 44) *inpatches*, of light, *illuminate a sprazzi*, illuminated by a faint light that streams forth between two near objects (French: *lumière échappée*). 45) chinks, clefts, cervices etc. of a wall. 46) *quale si addirebbe*, that would suit. 47) a baron. 48) farther on. 49) building. 50) perceive. 51) built. 52) *strati alternativi*, alternate layers (*stratum super stratum*). 53) bricks. 54) *coup d'oeil* = look. 55) agreeable. 56) *da quel punto*, from that side.

### L'addio di Lucía.\*\*)

Addio, montagne sorgenti<sup>1)</sup> dalle acque ed erette<sup>2)</sup> al cielo; cime ineguali, note<sup>3)</sup> a chi è cresciuto<sup>4)</sup> tra voi, e impresse nella sua mente non meno che lo sia l'aspetto dei suoi più famigliari<sup>5)</sup>; torrenti dei quali egli distingue lo scrò-

1) Rising. 2) ascending, towering. 3) known. 4) brought up. 5) *dei suoi più famigliari*, of his nearest relations.

\*) A little peninsula in the Lake of Garda and a village of the same name.

\*\*) From Manzoni's famous historical novel: *Promessi sposi*.

scio<sup>6)</sup>, come il suono delle voci domestiche; ville sparse<sup>7)</sup> e biancheggianti sul pendio come branchi<sup>8)</sup> di pecore pascenti; addio! Quanto è tristo il passo di chi cresciuto tra voi, se ne allontana! Alla fantasia di quello stesso, che se ne parte volontariamente, tratto dalla speranza di far altrove fortuna, si disabbelliscono<sup>9)</sup> in quel momento i sogni della ricchezza; egli si maraviglia d'essersi potuto risolvere, e tornerebbe allora indietro, se non pensasse che un giorno tornerà dovizioso<sup>10)</sup>. Quanto più s'avanza nel piano<sup>11)</sup> il suo occhio si ritrae<sup>12)</sup> fastidito<sup>13)</sup> e stanco da quella ampiezza uniforme; l'aere gli somiglia<sup>14)</sup> gravoso<sup>15)</sup> e senza vita; s'inoltra<sup>16)</sup> mesto<sup>17)</sup> e disattento<sup>18)</sup> nelle città tumultuose; le case aggiunte a case, le vie che sboccano<sup>19)</sup> nelle vie pare che<sup>20)</sup> gli tólgano il respiro: e dinanzi agli edifizii ammirati dallo straniero, egli pensa con desiderio inquieto al campicello del suo paese, alla casuccia a cui egli ha già posti<sup>21)</sup> gli occhi addosso da gran tempo, e che comprerà, tornando ricco ai suoi monti.

Ma chi non aveva mai spinto al di là di quelli neppure un desiderio sfuggévole, chi aveva composti in essi tutti i disegni<sup>22)</sup> dell'avvenire; e ne è sbalzato<sup>23)</sup> lontano da una forza perversa! Chi strappato<sup>24)</sup> ad un tempo<sup>25)</sup> alle più care abitudini, e sturbato<sup>26)</sup> nelle più care speranze, lascia quei monti per avviarsi in traccia<sup>27)</sup> di stranieri che non ha mai desiderato di conoscere, e non può colla immaginazione trascorrere<sup>28)</sup> ad un momento stabilito pel ritorno! Addio, casa natale, dove sedendo con un pensiero occulto<sup>29)</sup>, s'imparò a distinguere dal romore delle orme<sup>30)</sup> comuni il romore di un'orma aspettata con un misterioso timore. Addio, casa ancora straniera, casa sogguardata<sup>31)</sup> tante volte alla sfuggita, passando<sup>32)</sup> e non senza rossore<sup>33)</sup>; nella quale la mente si compiaceva<sup>34)</sup> di figurarsi un soggiorno<sup>35)</sup> tranquillo e perpetuo di sposa. Addio, chiesa, dove l'animo tornò<sup>36)</sup> tante volte sereno, cantando le lodi del Signore; dove era promesso, preparato un rito; dove il sospiro segreto del cuore doveva essere solennemente benedetto e l'amore venir<sup>37)</sup> comandato, e chia-

6) the murmuring (of a brook). 7) Scattered. 8) branco, flock. 9) disabbellirsi, to lose its beauty. 10) wealthy. 11) plain. 12) ritirarsi, to draw back. 13) displeased. 14) seems. 15) heavy. 16) inoltrarsi, to proceed, to enter. 17) sorrowful. 18) inattentive. 19) sboccare, to open into . . . 20) pare che, seem to . . . 21) porre gli occhi addosso a qcs., to have an eye upon smth. 22) plans for the future. 23) driven away. 24) strappare, to snatch, to rob. 25) at once. 26) sturbare, to trouble. 27) in traccia, in search of . . . 28) to get over to . . . 29) hidden. 30) foot-step. 31) sogguardare alla sfuggita, to look at stealthily. 32) when going by. 33) blushing. 34) compiacersi, to be pleased with. 35) a dwelling. 36) tornare, to become, to grow. 37) venire, here: to be.



marsi<sup>38)</sup> santo: addio! Quegli che dava a voi tanta giocondità è da per tutto; ed Egli non turba mai la gioia dei suoi figli<sup>39)</sup>, se non per prepararne loro una più certa e maggiore.

Di tal genere, se non tali appunto, erano i pensieri di Lucia, e pochi dissimili i pensieri degli altri due pellegrini, mentre la barca gli andava avvicinando<sup>40)</sup> alla destra riva dell'Adda.

38) to be called, declared. 39) children. 40) *gli andava avvicinando*, lit. that (i. e. the boat) went on, bringing them nearer to = whilst they were approaching.

#### IV. ALCUNE LETTERE.

##### 1.

Caro mio!

Ho avuto la fortuna di trovar un palchetto<sup>1)</sup> per l'opera di questa sera. Si rappresenterà la «Ceneréntola» del nostro Rossini. Se vuoi procurarci a mia sorella ed a me il piacere della tua compagnia, fámmele<sup>2)</sup> sapere per le 4 pom.<sup>3)</sup> al più tardi, affinchè possiamo venirti a prendere colla nostra carrozza a casa tua verso le 6<sup>3/4</sup>.

In attesa<sup>4)</sup> d'una pronta risposta sono il tuo —

1) A box. 2) *fammelo*, contraction of *fa me lo*, let me know it, send me word. 3) *pom.* for *pomeridiane*, an adjective that means: in the afternoon, as: *antimeridiane* means: in the forenoon. [In English A. M. = ante meridiem; P. M. = post meridiem.] 4) *in attesa*, in expectation.

##### 2.

Amico carissimo!

Mi spiace molto di non poter accettare il gentile tuo invito. L'arrivo inaspettato di mio zio da Berlino m'obbliga ad andargli incontro alla stazione. Se però mi sarà possibile di lasciarlo per un'ora, non mancherò di approfittarne e mi recherò<sup>1)</sup> in teatro per augurarvi la buona sera. Ti prego di fare i miei complimenti alla signorina Erminia e di aggradire i cordiali saluti del

tuo affez.<sup>mo</sup> 2).

1) *recarsi*, to go. 2) *affezionatissimo*, most affectionate.

##### 3.

Mio caro collega!

Sono ormai quindici giorni che mi trovo in campagna a Baden. Sai bene, caro mio, che l'atmosfera di quest' ame-

nissima città sparge in abbondanza lo zolfo<sup>1)</sup> e la noia su quelli che hanno la fortuna di abitarla. Ricorro quindi a te per liberarmi dall'ultimo almeno di questi ospiti<sup>2)</sup> poco aggradévoli. Mi rammento d'aver veduto a casa tua una bellissima edizione del Petrarca. Avresti la compiacenza di prestarmela per una settimana o due? Puoi essere convinto che avrò ogni cura possibile, acciocchè il libro ti sia restituito tale e quale. Se hai tempo, vieni a consolarmi nella mia solitudine.

Il tuo —

1) brimstone. 2) *ospite*, a guest.

4.

Collega amatissimo!

Questa lettera ti arriverà (assieme) al libro che mi chiedi. Esso mi è carissimo, esséndomi stato regalato da un amico prima di morire. Per ciò solo mi prendo la libertà di raccomandarti d'adoperarlo con ogni possibile riguardo. Se le mie occupazioni me lo permetteranno, verrò a trovarti doménica ventura.

L'amico —

5.

Pregiatissima Signorina!

La prego di scusarmi se quest'oggi non Le posso dare la consueta lezione. Un affare d'importanza mi chiama a N. Mi farà cosa grata se vorrà continuare la traduzione dei «Promessi Sposi» e fare un piccolo riassunto delle régle sui verbi. Giovedì venturo mi procurerò senz'altro l'onore di rivederla. Mi creda intanto con tutta la stima

Suo devot<sup>mo</sup> —

6.

Egregio Signore!

La ricorrenza del giorno onomástico della mia cara madre fa sì ch'io non posso oggi prendere la lezione ch'Ella suole darmi alle 11. La prego invece di voler onorare di sua presenza la piccola adunanza, colla quale questa sera alle 9 festeggiamo la nostra doméstica solennità. Ho studiato diligentemente il nostro pezzo a quattro mani e sarei contentissima di poterlo sonare con Lei. Nella speranza ch'Ella non vorrà mancare, mi protesto

Sua devot<sup>ma</sup> affez<sup>ma</sup> —

## 7.

Luigi Settembrini\*) to his wife\*\*).

1. febbraio 1851 ore 8 del mattino.

Io voglio, o mia diletta<sup>1)</sup> e sventurata<sup>2)</sup> compagna della mia vita, io voglio scriverti in questo momento che i giudici stanno da 16 ore decidendo della mia sorte.

Se io sarò dannato a morte, non potrò più rivederti, nè rivedere le viscere<sup>3)</sup> mie, i carissimi miei figliuoli. Ora che sono severamente disposto a tutto, ora posso un poco intrattenermi<sup>4)</sup> con te. O mia Gigia, io sono sereno, preparato a tutto, e, quello che fa più meraviglia<sup>5)</sup> a me stesso, mi sento la forza di dominare questo cuore ardente che di tanto in tanto<sup>6)</sup> vorrebbe scoppiarmi<sup>7)</sup> nel petto. O guai<sup>8)</sup> a me, se questo cuore mi vincesse! — Se io sarò dannato a morte, posso prometterti sul nostro amore e sull'amore dei nostri figliuoli, che il tuo Luigi non ismentirà<sup>9)</sup> sè stesso; morirò con la certezza che il mio sangue sarà fruttuoso<sup>10)</sup> di bene al mio paese, morirò col sereno coraggio de' martiri; morirò e le ultime mie parole saranno alla mia patria, alla mia Gigia, al mio Raffaele, alla mia Giulia. A te ed ai carissimi figliuoli non sarà vergogna<sup>11)</sup> ch'io sia morto sulle forche<sup>12)</sup>, voi un giorno ne sarete onorati. Tu sarai striturrata<sup>13)</sup> dal dolore, lo so; ma comanda al tuo cuore, o mia Gigia, e serba<sup>14)</sup> la vita per i cari figli nostri, ai quali dirai che l'anima mia sarà sempre con voi tutti e tre, che io vi vedo, che io vi sento, che io seguito ad amarvi come vi amava e come vi amo in questa terribile ora.

Io lascio a' miei figliuoli l'esempio della mia vita e un nome che ho cercato sempre di serbare immacolato<sup>15)</sup> e onorato. Dirai ad essi, che ricordino quelle parole ch'io dissi nel giorno della mia difesa. Dirai ad essi che io, benedicendoli e baciandoli mille volte, lascio ad essi tre precetti; riconoscere e adorare Iddio; amare il lavoro; amar sopra ogni cosa la patria.

Mia Gigia adorata, eran queste le gioie ch'io ti promettevo nei primi giorni del nostro amore, quando ambidue

1) beloved. 2) unhappy. 3) lit.: entrails, here: my children. 4) converse. 5) far meraviglia = to cause surprise. 6) from time to time. 7) to burst. 8) woe betide. 9) lit.: give the lie, here: follow in the father's steps, act by the family traditions. 10) fertile in. 11) shame. 12) gallows. 13) crushed. 14) preserve. 15) spotless.

\*) Luigi Settembrini is a famous Neapolitan patriot and writer, who suffered persecution and imprisonment for having taken part in a conspiracy against the government of the Bourbons.

\*\*) broken down.

giovanetti, tu a quindici anni con invidiata bellezza e con rara innocenza, ed io a vent'anni, pieno il cuore d'affetti e di speranze e con la mente avida di bellezza, di cui vedeva in te un esempio celeste, quando ambidue ci promettevano una vita d'amore, quando il mondo ci pareva così bello e sorridente, quando disprezzavamo il bisogno<sup>16)</sup>, quando la vita nostra era il nostro amore? E che abbiamo fatto noi per meritare tanti dolori e tante pene? Ma ogni lamento sarebbe ora una bestemmia<sup>17)</sup> contro Dio, perchè ci condurrebbe a negar<sup>18)</sup> la virtù, per la quale io muoio. Ah! Gigia, la scienza non è che dolore, la virtù vera non produce che amarezze; ma pur son belli questi dolori e queste amarezze<sup>19)</sup>. I miei nemici non sentono la bellezza e la dignità di questi dolori; essi, nello stato mio, tremerebbero<sup>20)</sup>: io sono tranquillo, perchè credo in Dio e nella virtù. Io non tremo: deve tremare chi mi condanna, perchè offende Dio.

Ma sarò io dannato a morte? Io mi aspetto sempre il peggio dagli uomini. So che il Governo vuole un esempio, che il mio nome è il mio delitto<sup>21)</sup>, che chi ora sta decidendo della mia sorte, ondeggia<sup>22)</sup> tra mille pensieri e tra mille paure; so che sono disposto a tutto. Sarò sepolto in una galera<sup>23)</sup>, con un supplizio<sup>24)</sup> peggiore e più crudele della morte? Mia Gigia, io sarò sempre io. Iddio mi vede l'anima e sa che, non per forza mia, ma per forza che mi viene da Lui, sono tranquillo.

Vedi, io ti scrivo senza lagrime, con la mano ferma e corrente<sup>25)</sup>, con la mente serena: il cuore non mi batte. — Mio Dio, ti ringrazio di quello che operi in me; anche in questi momenti io ti sento, ti riconosco, ti adoro, ti ringrazio. Mio Dio, consola la sconsolatissima moglie mia e dalle forza a sopportar questo dolore; mio Dio, proteggi i miei figliuoli, sospingili tu verso il bene, tirali a te, essi non hanno padre, son figli tuoi: preservali dai vizi; essi non hanno alcun soccorso dagli uomini; io li raccomando a te, io prego per loro. Io ti raccomando, o mio Dio, questa patria: dà senno<sup>26)</sup> a quelli che la reggono, fa che il mio sangue plachi<sup>27)</sup> tutte le ire e gli odii di parte, che sia l'ultimo sangue che sia sparso<sup>28)</sup> in questa terra desolata.

Mia Gigia, io non posso più proseguire, perchè temo che il cuore non mi vinca: io non so se potrò più rivederti. Addio, o cara, o diletta, o adorata compagna delle mie sventure e della mia vita. Io non trovo più parole per conso-

16) need, poverty. 17) curse. 18) deny. 19) bitterness(es). 20) to tremble. 21) crime. 22) wavers. 23) galley. 24) torture. 25) fluent. 26) a good mind. 27) calm. 28) spargere = to spill.

larti, la mano comincia a tremarmi. Abbiti<sup>29</sup> un bacio, simile al primo bacio che ti diedi. Danne uno per me al mio Raffaele, uno alla mia Giulia, benedicili per me. Ogni giorno, ogni sera che li benedirai, dirai loro che li benedico anch'io. Addio.

29) *abbits from: acerti* = have for your own = here is for you.

## V. ROME AND MODERN ITALY.

### I. Roma.

(Prof. Angelo De Gubernatis.)

Roma è il gran sole che ha illuminato<sup>1)</sup> sempre e che illuminerà senza fine la patria italiana. Dal giorno in cui Romolo la piantò fieramente sul Palatino, in riva al Tevere, or sono<sup>2)</sup> quasi tremila anni, essa si alzò dominatrice sovrana nel mondo, con la forza, con la legge, con la carità, con la giustizia, con l'alto suo decoro, con la sua sapienza magnanima. Ed è oggi ancora tanto grande da<sup>3)</sup> poter accogliere<sup>4)</sup>, senza disagio<sup>5)</sup>, nel suo gran seno<sup>6)</sup>, il Re d'Italia ed il Sommo Pontefice della Cristianità, ospitar<sup>7)</sup> sovrani e pellegrini d'ogni nazione, tener Concilii, Parlamenti, Congressi d'ogni maniera, senza parer mai troppo angusta<sup>8)</sup>.

In Roma scompare<sup>9)</sup> facilmente tutto ciò che vuol rimanere mediocre<sup>10)</sup>. Il suo ufficio<sup>11)</sup> nella storia è stato quello di attrarre<sup>12)</sup> a sè, come a centro di luce, tutti i raggi della sapienza italiana e, per riflesso, della sapienza umana.

E dell'antica grandezza parlano ancora le sue gloriose rovine. Qui, dove ogni rudero<sup>13)</sup> si può dire che abbia una storia propria, dove ogni pietra segna un trionfo, si rimane estatici davanti al Pantheon, il meraviglioso tempio di Agrippa, quasi interamente rispettato dall'invidia del tempo e dalla devastazione degli uomini, ove in modesta tomba sono seppelliti Vittorio Emanuele II<sup>o</sup> e Umberto I<sup>o</sup>. E come non sentirsi compresi di ammirazione profonda dinanzi a monumenti immani<sup>14)</sup> quali la Mole Adriana, la Colonna Antonina e la Colonna Traiana!

In una città che dominava tutto il mondo allora conosciuto, spaziosi<sup>15)</sup> e magnifici dovevano essere i luoghi dove si trattavano gli affari, dove si celebrava il culto, dove si amministrava la giustizia. E difatti i copiosi avanzi del foro

1) to shine. 2) . . . ago. 3) as to . . . 4) receive. 5) discomfort. 6) bosom. 7) to lodge, shelter. 8) narrow. 9) *scompare* = to disappear. 10) backward, unadvanced. 11) duty. 12) *attrarre* = *attirare*, attract. 13) rod of soil. 14) *immani* = classic for: *immensi*. 15) spacious.

Romano con le ruine del Tabularium, del tempio di Vespasiano, del tempio di Saturno, del tempio a Giove Custode, della Basilica Giulia, del tempio di Castore e Polluce da una parte, e quelle del tempio della Concordia, l'arco trionfale di Settimio Severo dall'altra, hanno permesso agli archeologi di ricostituirli<sup>16)</sup> e disegnarli sulla carta com'erano in origine, dandoci un'idea chiara e precisa della solida austerità, della vasta grandezza e del severo ornamento degli edifizi pubblici Romani. Nè meno splendidi erano anche i fori di Traiano e di Nerva, i cui resti, veramente stupendi, si ammirano poco lungi<sup>17)</sup>.

Al di sopra del foro Romano si eleva, eterno segnacolo<sup>18)</sup> della potenza Romana, il Campidoglio, la gloriosa rocca contro la quale venne ad infrangersi<sup>19)</sup> la turba<sup>20)</sup> devastatrice dei barbari Galli. Su la piccola collina, chiamata appunto Monte Capitolino, le cui coste<sup>21)</sup> erano, al tempo de' Cesari, coperte da altissime mura, s'ergeva<sup>22)</sup> maestoso e terribile il tempio di Giove Capitolino, ove deliberavasi la guerra e lo sterminio<sup>23)</sup> dei popoli che non volevano mordere il freno Romano, ove i consoli e i duci trionfatori venivano a deporre le spoglie<sup>24)</sup> dei nemici debellati<sup>25)</sup>.

Vastissimi erano i Circhi ove si davano corse di bighe<sup>26)</sup> e di cavalli, e giganteschi addirittura<sup>27)</sup> gli anfiteatri, ove si davano combattimenti di fiere, assalti di gladiatori e, sull'arena allagata<sup>28)</sup> espressamente, perfino battaglie navali. N'è tipo portentoso<sup>29)</sup> il Colosseo o Anfiteatro Flavio, costruzione ciclopica<sup>30)</sup>, esternamente tutta in travertino<sup>31)</sup>, la quale nella sua immensità ha una perfetta proporzione di linee e una insuperabile correttezza di disegno. E tutto è grande a Roma, tutto è maestoso: gli acquedotti vi portano da lungi fiumi d'acqua, e le fontane sono laghi, si capisce quindi come le antiche terme, cioè<sup>32)</sup> gli stabilimenti di bagni, o meglio siti<sup>33)</sup> di delizie, con biblioteche, teatri, palestre<sup>34)</sup> giardini, fossero locali immensi, ornati di statue, decorati sontuosamente e frequentati da un intero popolo.

A destra del foro Romano, procedendo su la stretta<sup>35)</sup> via Sacra, lastricata<sup>36)</sup> di grossi blocchi di basalto si alza il Palatino con le colossali ruine del palazzo de' Cesari. Le vestigia<sup>36)</sup> dei sontuosi<sup>37)</sup> edifizi che i primi imperatori vi ave-

16) *rebuilt for replan.* 17) *afar.* 18) *sign, movement.* 19) *to break (itself).* 20) *crowd.* 21) *slopes.* 22) *arose.* 23) *extermination.* 24) *spoils.* 25) *lit.: outwarred (lat.: bel-lum = war), conquered.* 26) *chariot.* 27) *quite.* 28) *allagare (lago = lake), to put under water.* 29) *portentous = huge.* 30) *ciclopica (alluding to the Odyssean giants) = gigantic.* 31) *travertine stone.* 32) *ciò = ciò è = that is (to say) = id est = i. e.* 33) *sito (lat.: situs) = luogo.* 34) *gymnasiums.* 35) *paved.* 36) *remains.* 37) *sumptuous.*

vano costruito per loro dimora<sup>38</sup>), sono davvero magnifiche. Ma pur troppo<sup>39</sup>) ci sentiamo commossi<sup>40</sup>) ammirandole dacchè là dentro fu la tomba della grandezza di Roma, là dentro fu soffocata nel sangue l'antica libertà repubblicana.

Roma provide<sup>41</sup>) a creare grandi istituzioni e volle che tutti gl'Italiani ne sentissero il beneficio. Caduto l'impero romano, non perirono tuttavia le savie leggi di Roma, ed accanto<sup>42</sup>) ad esse ebbe nuovo impero sovrano lo spirito di carità cristiana.

Divenuta la sede del cattolicesimo, Roma continuò ad essere centro del mondo, e la fece<sup>43</sup>) della religione, che ardeva sul sepolcro di San Pietro rischiarò le fitte tenebre<sup>44</sup>) del medio evo<sup>45</sup>). All'epoca gloriosa del Rinascimento<sup>46</sup>), schiere<sup>47</sup>) d'artisti convennero da ogni parte d'Italia e d'Europa a studiare su i mutilati monumenti Romani, e prendendoli a modello crearono templi meravigliosi come quello di San Pietro in Vaticano, che non ha l'eguale al mondo, e dove l'arte ha profuso veri tesori, e palazzi giganteschi, preziosi gioielli d'architettura, come il palazzo Farnese, che è tra i più belli del Rinascimento.

38) inhabitations. 39) and yet. 40) moved. 41) *provvedere*, lit.: foresee = to provide. 42) beside. 43) torch. 44) thick darkness(es), in Ital. used as pluralitantum. 45) Middle ages. 46) Renaissance. 47) legions.

## II. La Prosperità dell'Italia e il suo avvenire<sup>1</sup>).

(Prof. Camillo Manfroni.)

La maggior parte degli operai applaude commossa<sup>2</sup>) alle parole del signor Lorenzo; ma v'era qualcuno fra loro, che scuoteva<sup>3</sup>) la testa in aria<sup>4</sup>) di dubbio. Fra gli altri un giovane minatore<sup>5</sup>), assiduo lettore di giornali, dopo aver ascoltato con attenzione il discorso del vecchio soldato, uscì dalla sala esclamando: Le solite chiacchiere<sup>6</sup>), i soliti paroloni<sup>7</sup>)!

Che cosa dici? — gli domandarono i suoi compagni di lavoro.

Dico che questi patrioti, questi veterani hanno sempre in bocca le solite<sup>8</sup>) frasi; vivono colla testa nelle nuvole<sup>9</sup>), pensano al passato e non guardano al presente.

Mi pare anzi<sup>10</sup>) che il signor Lorenzo abbia parlato del presente ed abbia accennato<sup>11</sup>) ai progressi dell'Italia nostra, al suo risveglio<sup>12</sup>), alle speranze per l'avvenire<sup>1</sup>).

1) Future. 2) moved. 3) shake. 4) with the air. 5) minor. 6) chatter, bosh, rot. 7) big talk. 8) usual. 9) clouds. 10) on the contrary (*anzi*, from Lat. *ante*). 11) hinted. 12) awakening.

Bel progresso, bel risveglio! Io son partito dal mio paese, perchè non trovavo lavoro; i miei fratelli e mia madre morrebbero di fame, se io non mandassi loro qualche risparmio<sup>13</sup>); il governo colle sue imposte<sup>14</sup>) ci dissangua<sup>15</sup>); e tutto questo, secondo<sup>16</sup>) te, sarebbe un progresso.

Ma pure noi siamo una grande nazione; siamo liberi; abbiamo un esercito numeroso, una grossa marina da guerra; la nostra amicizia è ricercata dalle grandi potenze . . .

Proprio qui ti volevo<sup>17</sup>)! E per questo esercito, per questa marina, noi siamo ridotti<sup>18</sup>) alla miseria; tutti i giornali lo dicono: le terre sono incolte<sup>19</sup>), ogni anno migliaia e migliaia d'infelici abbandonano la patria in cerca di lavoro<sup>20</sup>); gli opifici si chiudono, il commercio languisce.

Così dicendo, trasse<sup>21</sup>) di tasca un giornale, e incominciò a leggere ad alta voce un lungo articolo, in cui con parole roventi<sup>22</sup>) erano descritte le miserie degli Italiani.

Attorno al lettore si affollarono<sup>23</sup>) gli operai; si discuteva con grande calore; accorse<sup>24</sup>) anche il signor Lorenzo, e, battendo bonariamente<sup>25</sup>) sulla spalla del giovane minatore, gli disse:

Vuoi tu ragionare qualche minuto con me?

Non domando altro; ma la Sua eloquenza non riuscirà mai a persuadermi d'aver torto. Quello che è scritto in questo giornale è verità inconfutabile<sup>26</sup>).

E chi ti dice che tu abbia torto? I mali, ai quali il giornale accenna, esistono pur troppo<sup>27</sup>); ma tutto induce<sup>28</sup>) a credere che colla pazienza, colla calma, coll'operosità, e soprattutto colla concordia essi scompariranno a poco a poco: in pochi anni è fatto già un grande progresso . . .

Ella ha voglia di scherzare! Si va di male in peggio, ogni giorno la miseria cresce.

Lasciami parlare. Tu non sai in quale stato si trovassero alcune province d'Italia cinquant'anni or sono; tu non hai veduto, come abbiamo veduto noi, le condizioni in cui, per colpa dei cessati governi, si trovavano alcune regioni. V'erano intiere province, in cui mancavano le strade carreggiabili<sup>29</sup>), in cui non v'era una scuola; la popolazione ignorante, abbrutita<sup>30</sup>) non coltivava nessuna industria, non eser-

13) economy. 14) taxes. 15) lit.: sucks (from) us blood (*sangu* = blood) = sucks our blood. 16) according to. 17) lit.: just here I was awaiting you = I thought I would catch you there. 18) *ridurre* = reduce. 19) uncultivated. 20) lit.: places of work = factory. 21) *trarre*, to draw. 22) burning, scalding. 23) *affollare*, to crowd. 24) *accorrere*, to run up. 25) good humouredly. 26) irrefutable. 27) *pur troppo*, in It. at end of sentence = it is true that . . . at beginning of sentence. 28) makes. 29) high roads. 30) become brute.



citava alcun commercio. Le terre erano quasi incolte, le campagne infestate da malfattori<sup>31</sup>), la giustizia debole e corrotta<sup>32</sup>); il governo intento solo a combattere i liberali, a smungere<sup>33</sup>) i popoli, non si curava di riparare a questi mali, perchè temeva che, divenuti più civili, i sudditi<sup>34</sup>) si levassero in armi contro di lui.

Ma perchè i giornali non protestavano! perchè . . .

Perchè non v'era libertà di stampa; perchè tutto ciò che si stampava doveva essere approvato dal governo; perchè le pene più severe colpivano coloro che avessero osato levare la voce.

Il governo nazionale, che già aveva sostenuto enormi spese per le guerre d'indipendenza, per pagare il debito pubblico delle province annesse<sup>35</sup>), per la formazione dell'esercito nazionale, cercò anche di portar rimedio a quei gravi mali, fondò scuole, aprì strade carreggiabili<sup>36</sup>), costruì ferrovie, provvide al risanamento<sup>36</sup>) di alcune città, fece scavare<sup>37</sup>) porti e canali, disseccò<sup>38</sup>) paludi, bonificò<sup>39</sup>) terreni incolti . . .

Io sono Maremmano<sup>40</sup>), signor Lorenzo; e di queste bonifiche non mi sono mai accorto<sup>41</sup>); al mio paese la febbre fa strage<sup>42</sup>).

Tu pretendresti che in pochi anni si compisse<sup>43</sup>) la bonifica d'un territorio vastissimo, solcato<sup>44</sup>) da tanti fiumi, ridotto<sup>45</sup>) da secoli a palude pestilenziale? Si è fatto molto, ti assicuro; Grosseto, che fino a pochi anni or sono era quasi inabitabile durante l'estate, oggi è una città sanissima; le colmate<sup>46</sup>) della Pecora e dell'Ombrone, le costruzioni idrauliche del Chiaro e di Piombino e di Castiglione hanno risanato vastissimi territori ed hanno diffuso l'oliveto e la vigna dove pochi anni fa crescevano le canne<sup>47</sup>), hanno ristretto di molto i terreni incolti e pestiferi<sup>48</sup>). Quando ritornerai al tuo paese, vedrai quanto è ingiusta la tua accusa.

Tutto non si è potuto fare perchè le spese sono enormi e le risorse sono scarse; mentre si provvedeva alle Maremme, si doveva pensare all'arginatura<sup>49</sup>) dei fiumi della regione Veneta, all'escavazione dei porti interriti<sup>50</sup>) dell'Adriatico, alla bonifica dell'Agro romano, al rimboschimento<sup>51</sup>) dei monti della Calabria. Si è fatto poco, ma da vent'anni a questa

31) highway-men. 32) *corrompere*, to corrupt. 33) to suck to death. 34) subject. 35) annexed. 36) making salubrious. 37) *excavate*, to dig. 38) dried up. 39) restore. 40) born in the swamps. 41) *accorgersi*, to remark. 42) *far strage*, to exterminate. 43) accomplish. 44) furrowed. 45) *ridurre*, reduce. 46) heights. 47) rush, reed. 48) *pestifero* = *pestilenziale*, pestilential. 49) embankment. 50) filled with sand. 51) replanting of woods.

parte si è avuto un progresso enorme. Prendo per esempio la tua provincia; contava 100000 abitanti nel 1860; oggi ne ha 126000; credi tu che la popolazione sarebbe aumentata<sup>52)</sup>, se l'opera di risanamento non ne avesse migliorate le condizioni?

Sarà com' Ella dice; ma in Italia si muore di fame.

Anche questo è molto esagerato; quando si pensa che la popolazione è cresciuta da 20 a 30 milioni in meno d'un secolo, non può far meraviglia che la terra non produca più abbastanza per nutrire tutti; ma l'aumento straordinario delle industrie è un compenso a questo male. Pensa che nel 1862 noi esportavamo tante merci<sup>53)</sup> pel valore di 570 milioni e che adesso ne esportiamo almeno il doppio; queste merci sono il prodotto d'industrie che prima non esistevano e per le quali dipendevamo dagli stranieri; tutte richiedono la mano d'opera e perciò forniscono lavoro proficuo<sup>54)</sup> agli operai.

Molte leggi, in parte già approvate e in via d'applicazione, in parte già preparate provvedono<sup>55)</sup> e provvederanno alla sorte degli operai. I nostri figliuoli hanno asili<sup>56)</sup>, in cui vengono nutriti ed educati; si fondano in tutte le città e anche nelle campagne cucine economiche, dormitori pubblici<sup>57)</sup>, ricoveri<sup>58)</sup> pei vecchi e per gl'infermi; altre leggi tutelano<sup>59)</sup> gli operai contro gli arbitri<sup>60)</sup> dei padroni, ne assicurano<sup>61)</sup> la vita contro le disgrazie. Tutto ciò è opera dei tempi nuovi; è frutto di questi ultimi quarant'anni, e l'Italia ha il vanto d'aver preceduto molti altri stati d'Europa in queste riforme.

Ma negli altri stati il popolo non soffre la fame come in Italia!

Prima di tutto anche gli altri stati hanno le loro miserie, e ben gravi, nè è tutto oro quello che luce. Gli altri popoli hanno però la virtù di sopportare i loro mali in silenzio; nè sono soliti a strombazzarne<sup>62)</sup> la notizia ai quattro venti, come facciamo noi. In secondo luogo, dove la terra è meno fertile, suppliscono<sup>63)</sup> al difetto<sup>64)</sup> altre ricchezze naturali, le miniere, per esempio, che a noi mancano e che sono una larga fonte di ricchezza, o la maggior attività degli abitanti, o una maggiore perseveranza nel lottare<sup>65)</sup> contro le avversità. Noi invece dobbiamo combattere contro due terribili nemici, contro l'apatia<sup>66)</sup> e la mollezza di una gran parte della popolazione,

52) augmented. 53) goods. 54) profitable. 55) provide. 56) lit.: asylum, here: homes. 57) public recoveries. 58) institutions for old age. 59) protect. 60) arbitration, lawless will. 61) assure. 62) trumpet about. 63) supply. 64) in exchange. 65) fighting. 66) apathy.

trista eredita<sup>67)</sup> dei governi passati, e contro le strettezze<sup>68)</sup> del bilancio, gravato<sup>69)</sup> dai debiti.

Oh! quanto ai debiti e al bilancio vi sarebbe un rimedio facile ed efficace. Sopprimiamo<sup>70)</sup> le spese militari e si risparmierebbero<sup>71)</sup> centinaia di milioni. Lo dice sempre il giornale, ed a me pare che abbia ragione.

Coteste sono idee che possono avere un certo peso<sup>72)</sup>. Ma hai mai riflettuto tu alle conseguenze che potrebbe avere la soppressione dell'esercito? Hai mai pensato a ciò che potrebbe accadere? Pur troppo la storia delle passate età ci mostra che l'Italia, quand'era inerme, cadde in potere degli stranieri, che l'oppressero e la sfruttarono<sup>73)</sup>. Pur troppo, anche ai nostri giorni, s'è veduto che non basta non provocare nessuno per vivere in pace; s'è veduto che i popoli forti ed agguerriti<sup>74)</sup> opprimono i deboli.

E noi, che abbiamo lottato tanto tempo per liberarci dalla soggezione<sup>75)</sup> straniera e che, rivendicando<sup>76)</sup> i nostri diritti, abbiamo suscitato<sup>77)</sup> le gelosie, i sospetti di potenti vicini abituati a comandare in casa nostra, potremmo mettere a rischio il frutto di tanti sacrifici, di tante fatiche? Guai a noi, se domani deponessimo le armi!

Verrà forse il giorno, in cui tutte le nazioni, per dirla colle parole d'un poeta, convertiranno<sup>78)</sup> le spade in falci<sup>79)</sup> e in aratri<sup>80)</sup>; ma quel giorno è ancor lontano. Noi benediremo quel giorno, perchè potremo rivolgere tutte le nostre cure all' agricoltura, al commercio ed alle industrie; ma finchè esso non spunti<sup>81)</sup> sarebbe stoltezza<sup>82)</sup> il deporre le armi e il dimenticare quel famoso detto: Se vuoi la pace preparati alla guerra.

Comincio a credere ch'Ella abbia ragione. Ma allora non v'è speranza di miglioramento?

Non solo v'è speranza, ma certezza. Ti ho detto che, dal tempo in cui fu fatta l'Italia ad oggi, si sono fatti passi<sup>83)</sup> da giganti; forse si sono fatte troppe cose in una volta; molti tentativi<sup>84)</sup> non sono riusciti, molti errori furono commessi; molti mali, a lungo trascurati<sup>85)</sup>, si sono inaspriti<sup>86)</sup>; ma quando io ripenso alle condizioni in cui il nostro paese si trovava quarant'anni or sono, quando mi tornano alla mente i dolorosi spettacoli di miseria, d'ignoranza, d'abbiezione<sup>87)</sup>, che ho veduti nella mia lunga vita, io non dispero, no, dell'av-

67) inheritance. 68) difficulties. 69) crushed, bowed down. 70) *sopprimere*, to suppress. 71) *risparmiare*, to save. 72) weight. 73) *spoliare*. 74) warlike. 75) submission. 76) to make good. 77) *excited*. 78) turn. convert. 79) scythes and. 80) ploughs. 81) to dawn. 82) foolishness. 83) steps. 84) attempts. 85) *trascurare*, to neglect (*cura* = *care*). 86) lit.: sharpened, here: become worse. 87) abject degradation.

venire. Ma occorre che noi, rinunciando alle inutili grandezze, limitando le spese al puro necessario, riuniamo tutte le forze coll'unico scopo di rimarginare<sup>88</sup>) le nostre ferite, senza lasciarci abbattere da un momentaneo<sup>89</sup>) disagio. Le intempestive agitazioni, le declamazioni tribunizie a nulla giovano<sup>90</sup>), se non a rendere più acuti i mali, più difficili i rimedi.

Stolto chi crede di rimediare alle presenti strettezze coi tumulti di piazza e colle rivoluzioni! La salvezza<sup>91</sup>) della patria, la sua fortuna, il suo risorgimento<sup>92</sup>) economico si otterranno solo colla concordia dei propositi, colla unione di tutte le forze, col lavoro disciplinato.

Credi ad un vecchio, che ha veduto altri tempi ed altre calamità; non saranno certo cotesti articoli di giornale quelli che salveranno l'Italia; nè giova alla patria chi mostra di disperare del suo avvenire.

88) to heal. 89) momentary. 90) *giovare a nulla*, to be no good. 91) safety. 92) *risorgimento* (*sorgere*, to arise) = *resurrezione* = resurrection.

## Alphabetical List of poetical and obsolete forms of Verbs.

1. <i>Avere.</i>			
Abbi	<i>for</i> abbia.	averò	<i>for</i> avrò.
abbiendo	» avendo.	averei	» avrei.
abbiente	» avente.	avessi	» avesti.
abbino	» abbiano.	avéssimo	» avemmo.
abbiuto	» avuto.	avéssino }	» avessero.
abbo	» ho.	avéssono }	
abendo	» avendo.	avestu	» avesti tu.
abeva	» aveva.	avevi	» avevate.
acci	» ci ha.	avia	» aveva.
aggia	» abbia.	aviamo	» abbiamo.
aggiare	» avere.	aviate	» abbiate.
aggiare	» abbiate.	aviè	» aveva.
aggio	» ho.	avieno	» avevano.
aja	» abbia.	avite	» avete.
an	» hanno.	avrèbbamo	» avremmo.
arà	» avrà.	avrèbbono	» avrebbero.
arai	» avrai.	avréssimo	» avremmo.
aranno	» avranno.	avri	» avrete.
arei	» avrei.	avria	» {avrei.
aremo	» avremo.		» {avrebbe.
arete	» avrete.	avriamo	» avremmo.
aresti	» avresti.	avriano	» avrebbero.
aria	» avrebbe.	avriemo	» avremmo.
ariano	» avrebbero.	avrienno	» avrebbero.
arò	» avrò.	ébbamo }	
aiuto	» avuto.	ébbemo }	» avenimo.
avevamo	» avevamo.	ébbimo }	
avavate	» avevate.	ébbono	» ebbero.
avé	» aveva.	ei	» ebbi.
ave	» ha.	ha'	» hai.
ave'	» aveva.	habbiendo	» avendo.
avei	» {ebbi.	habbio }	» ho.
	» {avevi.	habbo }	
avem }		hae	» ha.
avemo }	» abbiamo.	haggi	» abbi.
avén }		haggia	» abbia.
aveno }	» avevano.	haja	» abbia.
		halle	» le ha

halmi	for me l'ha.
han	» hanno.
hane	» ha.
harei	» avrei.
haria	» avrebbe.
harian	» avrebbero.
harò	» avrò.
have	» ho.
havea	» aveva.
havre	» avrebbe.
hei	» febbi.
	» ebbe.
holle	» le ho.
hollo	» l'ho.
holti	» te l'ho.
hollo ti }	
honne	» ne ha.
hotti	» ti ho.
ò	» ho.
ai	» hai.
a	» ha.
anno	» hanno.

2. *Amare.*

Amarè	for amerei.
ameréno	» ameremo.
amianlo	» l'amiamo.
amorno	» amarono.
amorono }	
amòe	» amò.

3. *Andare.*

Anda	for va & vada.
andan	» vanno.
andà	» andò.
andassi	» andaste.
andavi (voi)	» andavate.
andemmo	» andammo.
anderébbamo	» andremmo.
andéssero	» andrebbero.
andettamo	» andammo.
andette	» andò.
andéttero }	» andarono.
andéttono }	
andetto	» andai.
andi	» vai.
andiano	» andiamo.
andiede	» andò.
andidéro	» andarono.
andidémo	» andammo.
andiedi	» andai.
ando	» vado.
andóe	» andò.

andonno }	for andarono.
andorno }	
andosse	» si andò.
gendo	» andando.
gio	» andò.
gir }	» andarono.
giro }	
gir	» andare.
giSSI	» s'andò.

4. *Cadere.*

Cáddono	for caddero.
cadéo	» cadde.
cadrei	» caderei.
cadri	» caderebbe.
cagge	» cade.
caggendo	» cadendo.
caggio etc.	» cado etc.
caggo	» cado.

5. *Calere.*

Calme	for mi cale.
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6. *Capire.*

Cape	for capisce.
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7. *Chiedere.*

Cheggio etc.	for chiedo etc.
chero etc.	
chesto	» chiesto.
chieggio etc.	» chiedo.
chieggo }	
chier	» chiede.
chiere	» chiederò.
	» chiede.

8. *Compire.*

Cómpiere	for compire.
compiessi	» si compiè.
compío	» compì.

9. *Conoscere.*

Cognosò	for conosco.
conoscessimo	» conoscemmo.

10. *Convenire.*

Convenette	for convenne.
convenien	» convenivano.

11. *Cogliere.*

Cor }	for cogliere.
corr' }	
correm	» coglieremo

12. *Crédere.*

Cre }	<i>for crede.</i>
cree }	
cre' }	<i>for credo.</i>
credéo }	» credè.
crederrabbo }	» credèrò.
crederraggio }	
credéro }	» credarono.
credessate }	» credeste.
credessi }	» credesse.
credia }	
credie }	» credeva.
creggio }	» credo.
crei }	» credi.
créo }	» credo.
creci }	» credei.
crese }	» credè.
créséro }	» credarono.
créso }	» creduto.
crette }	» credè.
cretti }	» credei.

13. *Dare.*

Dae }	<i>for dà.</i>
daggi }	» dai.
daggiamo }	» diamo.
dan }	» danno.
daratti }	» ti darai.
daréssimo }	» daremmo.
dasse }	» desse.
dassero }	» dessero.
dassi }	» dessi.
daassimo }	» {dessimo.
	» {demmo.
daste }	» daste.
dasti }	» desti.
datte }	» ti dà.
davi }	» davate.
dei }	» tu dà.
den }	
denno }	» diedero.
deo }	
diè }	» diede.
die' }	» diedi.
diè }	» diedero.
dielti }	» te lo diede.
diemi }	» mi diedi.
diemme }	» mi diede.
dienne }	» {ci diede.
	» {mi diede.
dienno }	
dier }	» diedero.

dierno }  
dieron } *for diedero.*

14. *Dire.*

Di }	<i>for dici.</i>
dii }	
di' }	
dicén }	» dicevano.
dicerolti }	» te lo dirò.
dicestu }	» dicesti tu.
die }	» dici.
dille }	» le di'.
dilmi }	» me lo di'.
dinne }	» ne (ci) di'.
diria }	» direbbe.
diroe }	» dirò.
ditto }	» detto.

15. *Essere.*

Eè }	<i>for è.</i>
éne }	
en }	» sono.
enno }	
erám }	» eravamo.
eramo }	
eri }	» eravate.
essi }	» si è.
essuto }	» stato.
eve }	» è.
fia }	» { (tu) sii.
	» { (egli) sarà.
fian }	» { siano.
	» { saranno.
fie }	» { (tu) sii.
	» { (egli) sarà.
fien }	» sieno.
fiéno }	» saranno.
fii }	» sii.
fieti }	» { tu sii.
	» { ti sarà.
for }	» { sarei.
fora }	» { saresti.
	» { sarebbe.
foran }	» sarebbero.
forano }	
foro }	» furono.
fossin }	» fossero.
fossino }	
foštu }	» fosti tu.
fu' }	» fui.
fue }	» fu.
fulle }	» le fu.
fummi }	» mi fu.

fur	}	<i>for</i> furono.
furo		
furno		
fussi		» si fu.
fusse etc.		» fosse etc.
issuto		» stato.
sare'		» {sarebbe.
		» {sarei.
sarébbamo		» saremmo.
sarébbono		» sarebbero.
saréssimo		» saremmo.
sariamo		» saremmo.
sarieno		» sarebbero.
ser		» essere.
sete		» siete.
sia		» {sarà.
		» {siano.
siate		» siete.
si		» {sii.
		» {sia.
		» {siano.
siei		» sei.
sieti		» ti sia.
sii (io)		» sia (io).
sino		» siano.
sò		» sono.

16. *Fare.*

Face	}	<i>for</i> fa.
facén		
facéno		
faci		» fai.
facien		» facevano.
faccio		» fo.
fallo		» lo fa.
famme		» mi fa.
fanne		» ne fa.
fane		» fa.
fara'		» farai.
farébbono		» farebbero.
farenlo		» la faremo.
faria		» {farei.
		» {farebbe.
farían	}	» farebbero.
fariano		
farién		
farieno		
faróne		» farò.
fe'		» {fece.
fe		» {fecì.
fea		» faceva.
féciono		» fecero.

féglisi	<i>for</i>	se gli fece.
fei	»	feci.
felli	»	li fece.
femmi	»	mi fece.
femmo	»	facemmo.
fene	»	fece.
fenn' }	»	fecero.
fenno }		
fenne	»	ne fece.
fensi	»	{si facevano.
		{si fecero.
feo	»	fece.
fer	»	fecero.
ferci	»	ci fecero.
fermi	»	mi fecero.
fero	»	fecero.
feron }		
ferono }		
fersi	»	si fecero.
fesse	»	facesse.
fessi	»	facessi.
féssono	»	facessero.
feste	»	faceste.
festi	»	facesti.

17. *Ferire.*

Fedío	<i>for</i>	ferì.
fedire	»	ferire.
fedisce	»	ferisce.
fediscono	»	feriscono.
fedito	»	ferito.
fegga }	»	ferisca.
feggia }		
feggendo	»	ferendo.
féggiono }	»	feriscono.
féggono }		
fera	»	ferisca.
fero	»	ferisco.
férono	»	feriscono.
feruto	»	ferito.
fiède	»	ferisce.
fièdi	»	ferisci.
fiédono	»	feriscono.
fier	»	ferisce.
fiera	»	ferisca.
fiere	»	ferisce.
fiérono	»	feriscono.

18. *Godere.*

Gode	<i>for</i> goda.
godéo	» godè.
goderia	» {goderei.
	» {goderebbe



goderiano *for* goderebbero.  
 goderno » godettero.  
 goderò » godrò.  
 godéssino } » godessero.  
 godéssono }  
 godia » godeva.  
 godieno » godevano.

19. *Morire.*

Mora *for* muoia.  
 mórano » muoiano.  
 more » muore.  
 mori » muori.  
 muoiamo » moriamo.  
 moriano } » morivano.  
 morieno }  
 muoiate » moriate.  
 morio » morì.  
 morisse » morissi.  
 morísse } » morissero.  
 moríssono }  
 moro » muoio.  
 mórono » muoiono.  
 morríano } » morrebbero.  
 morríeno }  
 morróe » morrò.  
 muo' » muori.

20. *Muóvere.*

Mosson *for* mossero.  
 movén } » movevano.  
 movieno }

21. *Nuócere.*

Nocette *for* nocque.  
 nocéttero » nocquero.

22. *Parére.*

Paj *for* pari (tu).  
 paji » paia (tu).  
 pare » parve.  
 par » pare.  
 parémi » mi pareva.  
 parén » parevane.  
 párono » paiono.  
 parríeno » parrebbero.  
 parse » parve.  
 parsi » parvi.  
 paruto » parso.  
 párvono » parvero.

23. *Pentirsi.*

Pentémi *for* mi pentii.

pentere *for* pentire.  
 pentuto » pentito.

24. *Pérdere.*

Perde' *for* perdetti.  
 perdési » si perdette.  
 perse » perdette.  
 pérsero » perderono.  
 persi » perdei.  
 perso » perduto.  
 sperse » perdè.  
 spérsero » perderono.  
 spersi » perdei.

25. *Porre.*

Pogna *for* ponga.  
 pognamo » poniamo.  
 pognate » poniate.  
 pognendo » ponendo.  
 pommi » mi pone.  
 ponevam » ponevamo.  
 ponghi » ponga (tu).  
 ponghiamo » poniamo.  
 ponghiate » poniate.  
 por » porre.

26. *Potére.*

Pon } *for* possono.  
 ponno }  
 poria } » {potrei.  
 porría } » {potrebbero.  
 porrian } »  
 porrian } » potrebbero.  
 posse » possa (tu).  
 possendo » potendo.  
 possuto » potuto.  
 potavám » potev amo.  
 potavate » pote <sup>2</sup> te.  
 pote » può.  
 potei » potev i.  
 potémo » possiamo.  
 potén » potevano.  
 potéo » potè.  
 potéro » poterono.  
 poterebbe » potrebbe.  
 potési » pote vasi.  
 potiemmi » mi potevano.  
 potiéno » potevano.  
 potria » {potrei.  
 potria } {potrebbe.  
 potríano } » potrebbero.  
 potríeno }  
 puo' » puoi.

puole	<i>for</i> può.
puollo	» lo può.
puote	» può.
puotè	
pote	
pote }	

27. *Sapère.*

Sa'	<i>for</i> sai.
saccente	» sapiente.
sacci	» sappi.
saccia	» sappia.
sacciamo	» sappiamo.
sacciuto	» saputo.
saccio	» so.
sollo	» lo sa.
salsi	» sel sa.
san	» sanno.
sanne	» ne sa.
sape	» sa.
sapei	» sapevi.
sapemo	» sappiamo.
sapén	» sapevano.
sapi	» sai.
sapiendo }	» sapendo.
sappiendo }	
sappio }	» so.
sappo }	
save	» sa.
saver	» saper.
seppono	» seppero.

28. *Sciogliere.*

Scio' }	<i>for</i> sciogli.
scioi }	

29. *Sedere.*

Sedieno	<i>for</i> sedevano.
sediero	» sederono.
sediesi	» sedevasi.
segga	» siede.
seggano	» siedano.
segge	» siede.
segendo	» sedendo.
seggia	» siede.
seggiamo	» sediamo.
seggiano	» siedano.
seggiate	» sediate.
seggiono }	» siedono.
seggono }	
seggo }	» siedo.
seggio }	
siedean	» sedevano.

30. *Stare.*

Sta'	<i>for</i> stai.
stae	» sta.
starebbono	» starebbero.
stasse	» { stesse.
	» { sì sta.
stassero	» stessero.
stassi	» { stessi.
	» { sì sta.
stassimo	» stessimo.
staste	» steste.
stasti	» stesti.
statti	» ti sta.
stè	» stette.
stea	» stia.
steano	» stiano.
ste' }	» stetti.
stei }	
steo	» stette.
stero	» stettero.
stessono	» stessero.
stiede	» stetti.
stovvi	» vi sto.

31. *Tacere.*

Tacette	<i>for</i> tacque.
tacetti	» tacqui.

32. *Tenere.*

Te' }	<i>for</i> tieni.
tè }	
tegnamo	» teniamo.
tegnate	» teniate.
tenavamo	» tenevamo.
tenghi	» tieni.
tenghiamo	» teniamo.
tenghiate	» teniate.
tenianlo	» lo teniamo.
terrallo	» lo terrà.
tiello	» lo tieni.
tiemmi	» { mi tieni.
	» { mi tiene.

33. *Togliere.*

To'	<i>for</i> toglì.
toe }	» toglie.
tol }	
tolle	» toglilo.
tólo	
tolletto	» tolto.
tollono	» tolgono.

tommi *for* mi togl.  
 tor » togliere (torre).  
 torrien » torrebbero.

34. *Vedere.*

Ve' *for* vedi.  
 vedella » vederla.  
 vedén » vediamo.  
 vedestu » vedesti tu?  
 vediéno » vedevano.  
 vediesi » si vedeva.  
 vedde » vide.  
 veddero » videro.  
 veddi » vidi.  
 vedra' » vedrai.  
 vedrammi » mi vedrai.  
 vegga » veda.  
 veggano » vedano.  
 veggghi » vedi.  
 veggia » veda.  
 veggiano » vedano.  
 vegge » veda (tu).  
 veggendo » vedendo.  
 veggiamo » vediamo.  
 veggiate » vediate.  
 veggo } » vedo.  
 veggio }  
 veggono } » vedono.  
 veggiono }  
 velle » vedi le.  
 velli } » vedi li.  
 ve' li }  
 vello } » vedi lo.  
 ve' lo }  
 vidili » vidi li.

35. *Venire.*

Vegna *for* venga.

vegnamo *for* veniamo.  
 vegnate » veniate.  
 vegne » venga (tu).  
 vegnendo » venende.  
 vegnente » venente.  
 vegno » vengo.  
 vene » venne.  
 venesse » venisse.  
 venieno » venivano.  
 viemme » mi viene.  
 vienne » *sne* vieni.  
 » *te* ne vieni.

36. *Volere.*

Vo' *for* { voglio.  
 » { vuole.  
 » { vuoli.  
 vogli » { voglia (tu).  
 » { volendo.  
 vogliendo » volente.  
 vogliente » vogliamo.  
 volemo » volli.  
 volsi » voluto.  
 volsuto » vogliono.  
 vonno »  
 vorebbamo }  
 vorebbemo } » vorremmo.  
 voressimo }  
 vovvi » vi voglio.  
 vuo' » voglio.  
 vuoi }  
 vuogli } » vuoli.

37. *Volgere.*

Volgei *for* volsi.  
 volgénsi » siolgevano.  
 volve » volge.

## List of Words whose signification is changed by the open or close sound of the vowels e and o.

## E.

## Close.

*Accetta*, axe.  
*affetta*, he cuts.  
*allega*, sets the teeth on edge.  
*ammezzo*, too ripe.

## Open.

*Accetta*, accepts.  
*affetta*, he longs for.  
*allega*, he alleges.  
*ammezzo*, I divide.

Close.

*Bei*, thou drinkest.  
*berla*, to drink it (*fem.*).  
*Cera*, wax.  
*cesto*, cluster.  
  
*cetera*, lyre.  
*colletto*, little hill.  
*creta*, chalk.  
*De'* = *dei*, Genit. case.  
  
*dei*, Genit. case.  
*dessi*, the same.  
  
*desti* (*e*), Pl. of *desto*, awakened.  
*detti*, *dette*, Part. of *dire*.  
*E* = *ei*, egli, eglino.  
*esca*, bait, lure.  
*esse*, Pl. of *essa*, she.  
*essi*, Pl. of *esso*, he, it.  
*Fella* (*fello*, *felli*, *felle*), contr. of *la etc. fece*.  
*fero* = *ferano*, Pres. of *ferire*, to wound.  
*festi*, *feste*, poet. Pass. rem. of *facere*.  
*Lega*, confederation, league.  
*lesso*, *lessi*, cooked; boiled meat.  
  
*Me*, me.  
*mele*, Pl. of *mela*, apple.  
*messe*, Pl. of *messa*, mass; also course (of a dinner).  
*mezzo*, see *ammezzo*.  
*Pera*, pear.  
  
*pesca*, fishing.  
*pesco*, I am fishing.  
*peste*, Pl. of *pesta*, foot-print, track.  
*Se*, if; himself, herself etc. \*).  
*sete*, Pl. of *seta*, silk.  
*stesso*, *stessi* etc. self.  
  
*Te*, pron. thee.  
*telo*, pron. it to thee.  
*tema*, fear.  
*temi*, thou fearest.

Open.

*Bei* (Pl. of *bello*).  
*berla*, name of a plant.  
*Cera* (*ciuea*), mien.  
*cesto*, navel of Venus (plant); *id.* club, mace (weapon).  
*cetera* (*etcætera*), and so forth.  
*colletto*, collected.  
*Creta*, the isle of Candia.  
*De'* = *deve*, shall, ought etc.; also *deh*, alas!  
*dei*, Gods.  
*dessi* = *si deve*; also *dessi*, Impf. Subj. of *dare*.  
*desti* — *deste*, Pass. rem. of *dare*.  
*detti*, *dette*, poet. P. rem. of *dare*.  
*E*, is; *e*, and; *eh!* alas!  
*esca*, Cong. of *uscire*.  
*esse*, the letter S.  
*essi* = *si è*, one is.  
*Fella*, *fello*, etc., wicked, mischievous.  
*fero*, poet. for *fiero*, ferocious, proud.  
*festi*, *feste*, adj. (poet.) festive.  
  
*Lega*, mile.  
*lessi*, Pass. rem. of *leggere*, to read.  
*Me'* = *meglio*.  
*mele* = *miele*, honey.  
*messe*, harvest.  
  
*mezzo*, half.  
*Pera* = *perisca*, Cong. of *perire*, to perish.  
*pesca*, peach.  
*pesco*, peach-tree.  
*peste*, the plague.  
  
*Se'* = *sei*, thou art.  
*sete*, poet. for *siete*, you are.  
*stesso*, *stessi* etc. from *stessere*; *id.* (poet.) Pass. rem. of *stare*.  
*Te'* — *tiene*; *id.* *tè*, tea.  
*telo*, poet. arrow.  
*tema*, theme; task.  
*temi*, Pl. of *tema*; *id.* *Temi*, The-mis (goddess).

\* Some Ital. Orthoepists (f. i. *Cinonio*) consider the *e* to be open.

## Close.

*Veggia*, Cong. of *vedere*.  
*veglio*, I wake.  
*vena*, vein.  
*venti*, twenty.  
*vergola*, poet. for *verga*, rod.

## Open.

*Veggia*, cask (for wine etc.).  
*veglio* (poet.), old.  
*vena* = *avena*, oats.  
*venti*, winds.  
*vergola*, a kind of boat.

## O.

*Accorre*, runs to.  
*accorsi*, Hist. Perf. of *accorrere*.  
*accorto*, I shorten.  
*apporti* = *apporre-ti*.  
*arroto*, P. ps. of *arrogere*.  
*Botte*, cask.  
*Cogli* = *con gli*.  
*cola*, it drops, trickles.  
*colla* = *con la*.  
*colle* = *con le*.  
*collo* = *con lo*.  
*colto*, learned.

*coppa*, part of the skull.  
*corre*, he runs.  
*corsi*, I ran.

*corti*, Pl. of *corto*, short.  
*costa*, it costs.  
*Doglio*, cask.  
*Folla*, crowd.  
*folle*, Pl. of *folla*.  
*fora*, he bores. [rono.  
*foro*, hole; id. poet. *furo* = *fu-*  
*fosse*, that he were.  
*Importi* = *imporre-ti*.

*incolto*, ill-bred, rude, uncivilized.  
*indotto*, Part. of *indurre*.  
*Loto*, clay.  
*Morse*, bites.  
*Noce*, nut, nut-tree.  
*Ora*, now; id. hour.  
*orno*, from *ornare*, to adorn.  
*Poppa*, the stern (of a ship).  
*porci* = *porre-ci*.  
*porsi* = *porre-si*.  
*pose*, Pass. rem. of *porre*.  
*posta*, Part. of *porre*.  
*Ricorre* = *ricorrere*.  
*riporti* = *riporre-ti*.

*rocca*, spindle.  
*rodano*, Cong. of *rodere*, to gnaw.

*Accorre* (*accogliere*), to receive.  
*accorsi*, Pass. rem. of *accorgere*.  
*accorto*, clever.  
*apporti*, thou bringest.  
*arroto* (= *arruoto*), I sharpen.  
*Botte*, Pl. of *botta*, a hit, stroke.  
*Cogli*, from *cogliere*, to gather.  
*cola*, Cong. of *colere*.  
*colla*, from *collare*, to torture.  
*colle*, hill.  
*collo*, neck.  
*colto*, gathered, seized, from *co-*  
*gliere*.

*coppa*, vase.  
*corre* = *cogliere*.  
*corsi* = *cogliersi*; id. *Corsi*, Cor-  
 sicans.  
*corti* = *coglierti*.  
*costa*, rip.  
*Doglio*, Pres. of *dolere*.  
*Folla* = *la fo*.  
*folle*, mad; id. = *le fo*.  
*fora*, poet. for *sarebbe*.  
*foro*, the forum (in Rome).  
*fosse*, ditches.  
*Importi*, of *importare*, to be of  
 importance.

*incolto*, Part. of *incogliere*.  
*indotto*, ignorant.  
*Loto*, lotus (a plant).  
*Morse*, Hist. Perf. of *mordere*.  
*Noce* = *nuoce*, he harms.  
*Ora*, he prays; id. soft wind.  
*orno*, maple.  
*Poppa*, breast.  
*porci*, pigs.  
*porsi*, Hist. Perf. of *porgere*.  
*pose*, accents; pauses.  
*posta*, post; a —, on purpose.  
*Ricorre* = *ricogliere*.  
*riporti*, thou bringest back (from  
*riportare*).  
*rocca*, a fortified castle.  
*Rodano*, the Rhone (river).

Close.

*rodi*, from *rodere*.  
*rogo*, bramble.  
*rosa*, Part. of *rodere*.  
*rozza*, unbred.  
*Scola*, from *scolare*, to trickle, to drip.  
*scopo*, from *scopare*, to sweep.  
*scorsi*, from *scorrere*, to flow.  
*scorta*, from *scortare*, to escort.  
*scorto*, from *scortare*.  
*sole*, Pl. of *sola*, alone (*fem.*).  
*solo*, *sola*, alone.  
*sono*, I am.  
*sonne* = *ne sono*.  
*sorta*, Part. of *sorgere*.  
*stolto*, stupid, mad.  
*stoppa*, tow, hemp.  
*Tocca*, he touches.  
*toma*, a tumble head over heels;  
 id. from *tomare*, to tumble head  
 over heels.  
*torre*, tower, turret.  
*torsi*, torsoes.  
*torta*, pie.  
*torvi*, Pl. of *torvo*, ferocious.  
*tosco*, Tuscan.  
*Volgo*, populace.  
*volto*, face.  
*voto*, promise, wish, desire.

Open.

*Rodi*, Rhodes (isle).  
*rogo*, pile of fire-wood.  
*rosa*, rose.  
*rozza*, old horse.  
*Scola* = *scuola*, school.  
*scopo* = *scuopo*, end, intention.  
*scorsi*, from *scorgere*, to perceive.  
*scorta*, guard.  
*scorto*, from *scorgere*.  
*sole*, sun.  
*solo* = *suolo*, ground; *sola* =  
*suola*, sole of a shoe etc.  
*sono* = *suono*, I sound.  
*sonne* = *ne so*.  
*sorta*, sort, kind.  
*stolto* = *distolto* (of *distogliere*).  
*stoppa*, he stops (a bottle).  
*Tocca*, cudgel.  
*tomo*, volume; id. *tomi* = *togli-*  
*mi* (poet.).  
*torre* = *togliere*.  
*torse* = *togliere-si*.  
*torta*, Part. of *torcere*.  
*torvi* = *togliere-vi*.  
*tosco* = *tossico*, poison.  
*Volgo*, from *volgere*, to turn round.  
*volto*, Part. of *volgere*.  
*voto* = *vuoto*, empty.

## Alphabetical List

of the verbs of the I. Conj. with the stress on the *fourth*  
 syllable in the 3rd. Pers. Plur. *Present Tense* of the  
 Indicative and the Subjunctive Moods.

<i>Abitare.</i>	<i>Beneficare.</i>	<i>Desiderare.</i>	<i>Generare.</i>
<i>accelerare.</i>	<i>biasimare.</i>	<i>desinare.</i>	<i>gubilare.</i>
<i>accomodare.</i>		<i>disputare.</i>	<i>giudicare.</i>
<i>adoperare.</i>	<i>Caricare.</i>	<i>dubitare.</i>	<i>grandinare.</i>
<i>agitare.</i>	<i>celebrare.</i>		
<i>aluminare.</i>	<i>certificare.</i>	<i>Eccitare.</i>	<i>Illuminare.</i>
<i>alterare.</i>	<i>chiacchierare.</i>	<i>ereditare.</i>	<i>imitare.</i>
<i>animare.</i>	<i>circolare.</i>	<i>esagerare.</i>	<i>immaginare.</i>
<i>annoverare.</i>	<i>considerare.</i>	<i>esaminare.</i>	<i>incomodare.</i>
<i>anticipare.</i>	<i>coricare.</i>	<i>esercitare.</i>	<i>indicare.</i>
<i>applicare.</i>	<i>criticare.</i>	<i>esitare.</i>	<i>interpretare.</i>
<i>augurare.</i>			<i>interrogare.</i>

<i>Lacerare.</i>	<i>Occupare.</i>	<i>rimunerare.</i>	<i>Terminare.</i>
<i>liberare.</i>	<i>operare.</i>	<i>risicare.</i>	<i>tollerare.</i>
<i>litigare.</i>	<i>ordinare.</i>	<i>riverberare.</i>	<i>trafficare.</i>
<i>logorare.</i>	<i>Partecipare.</i>	<i>rosicare.</i>	<i>Ululare.</i>
<i>Masticare.</i>	<i>penetrare.</i>	<i>Seminare.</i>	<i>Vacuare.</i>
<i>meditare.</i>	<i>pettinare.</i>	<i>sollecitare.</i>	<i>valicare.</i>
<i>meritare.</i>	<i>pizzicare.</i>	<i>solleticare.</i>	<i>variare.</i>
<i>militare.</i>	<i>praticare.</i>	<i>sollicitare.</i>	<i>vegetare.</i>
<i>mitigare.</i>	<i>precipitare.</i>	<i>spasimare.</i>	<i>vendicare.</i>
<i>moderare.</i>	<i>predicare.</i>	<i>stipulare.</i>	<i>vigilare.</i>
<i>mormorare.</i>	<i>prosperare.</i>	<i>strepitare.</i>	<i>visitare.</i>
<i>Navigare</i>	<i>Radicare.</i>	<i>stuzzicare.</i>	<i>vituperare.</i>
<i>(navigare).</i>	<i>recitare.</i>	<i>superare.</i>	<i>vociferare.</i>
<i>nobilitare</i> *)	<i>regolare.</i>	<i>supplicare.</i>	<i>vomitare.</i>
<i>nominare.</i>	<i>ricoverare.</i>	<i>suscitare.</i>	<i>Zoppicare.</i>
<i>numerare.</i>	<i>rimproverare.</i>		

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\*) With the stress on the 1st syllable.



# VOCABULARY.

## I. Italian-English.

### A.

*Abate*, priest, churchman.  
*abbaiare*, to bark.  
*abbandonare*, to abandon.  
*abbastanza*, enough.  
*abbasso*, below.  
*abbonarsi*, to subscribe.  
*abitante*, inhabitant.  
*abitare*, to dwell, to live.  
*abito*, dress, cloth, frock.  
*abitudine*, habit, custom.  
*accadere*, to happen.  
*accendere*, to light.  
*accetta*, hatchet.  
*accettare*, to accept.  
*acciacco*, infirmity.  
*acciaio*, steel.  
*accompagnare*, to accompany.  
*accórgersi*, to be aware.  
*accostarsi*, to approach.  
*accusare*, to accuse.  
*aceto*, vinegar.  
*acqua*, water.  
*acquavite*, brandy.  
*acquazzone*, shower.  
*acquedotto*, aqueduct.  
*adagio*, slowly.  
*adatto*, fit.  
*addio*, goodbye.  
*adesso*, now, at present.  
*adoperare*, to use, to employ.  
*adulare*, to flatter.  
*adunanza*, meeting.  
*affamato*, hungry.  
*affare*, business, affair.

*affatto*, at all.  
*affetto*, affection.  
*affittare*, to hire.  
*affitto*, rent.  
*afflitto*, sad.  
*affrettarsi*, to hasten.  
*aggradevole*, agreeable.  
*aggradire*, to agree.  
*agire*, to act.  
*agnello*, lamb.  
*ago*, needle.  
*aiutare*, to help, to assist.  
*albergatore*, inn-keeper.  
*albergo*, inn, hotel.  
*albero*, tree.  
*albicocca*, apricot.  
*alcuno*, somebody, some.  
*allegro*, glad, joyful.  
*allestire*, to prepare.  
*allievo*, pupil.  
*allódola*, lark.  
*allontanarsi*, to withdraw.  
*altezza*, height.  
*alto*, high.  
*altrettanto*, as much.  
*altrimenti*, otherwise, else.  
*alzare*, to raise.  
*alzarsi*, to rise.  
*amabile*, lovely.  
*amare*, to love.  
*amaro*, bitter.  
*ambasciatore*, ambassador.  
*amicizia*, friendship.  
*amico*, friend.  
*ammalarsi*, to fall ill.  
*ammalato*, ill, sick.



*ammiraglio*, admiral.  
*ammirare*, to admire.  
*amore*, love.  
*anche*, also, too.  
*ancora*, anchor.  
*ancora*, still, yet.  
*andare*, to go.  
*andarsene*, to go away.  
*anello*, ring.  
*anima*, soul.  
*animale*, animal.  
*anitra*, duck.  
*annegare*, to drown.  
*anno*, year.  
*annoiarsi*, to get weary.  
*antico*, old, ancient.  
*ape*, bee.  
*aperto*, open.  
*apparecchiare*, to prepare.  
*appetito*, appetite.  
*appoggiarsi*, to lean.  
*approdare*, to land.  
*aprire*, to open.  
*aquila*, eagle.  
*arancia*, orange.  
*aratro*, plough.  
*argento*, silver.  
*aria*, air.  
*arma*, arm, weapon.  
*armadio*, shelf.  
*armento*, herd.  
*arnese*, implement.  
*arrampicarsi*, to climb.  
*arrivare*, to arrive.  
*arrivederci*, goodbye (for the present).  
*arrossire*, to blush.  
*arrostito*, to roast.  
*arte*, art.  
*asciugamani*, towel.  
*ascoltare*, to listen.  
*asino*, ass.  
*aspettare*, to wait.  
*assai*, very, much.  
*assalire*, to attack.  
*assetato*, thirsty.  
*assicurare*, to assure.  
*assorbire*, to absorb.  
*augurare*, to wish.  
*autunno*, autumn.  
*avanti*, forward.  
*avanzo*, rest, remnant.  
*avvedersi*, to get aware.

*avvenire*, future.  
*avvicinarsi*, to approach.  
*avvocato*, barrister.  
*azione*, action, deed.  
*azzurro*, azure, blue.

## B.

*Baco da seta*, silkworm.  
*badare*, to heed.  
*baffi*, mustache.  
*bagnarsi*, to bathe.  
*bagno*, bath.  
*baia*, bay.  
*baldo*, bold.  
*balia*, nurse.  
*ballare*, to dance.  
*balordo*, stupid, blockhead.  
*bambino*, baby, child.  
*banca*, bank.  
*banchiere*, banker.  
*banco*, bench.  
*bandiera*, flag.  
*barba*, beard.  
*barca*, boat.  
*basta*, enough.  
*bastare*, to suffice.  
*bastimento*, ship.  
*bastone*, stick.  
*battello a vapore*, steamer.  
*battere*, to beat, to knock.  
*bellezza*, beauty.  
*bello*, beautiful.  
*bene*, well.  
*bere*, to drink.  
*bestia*, beast, animal.  
*bevanda*, drink.  
*biancheria*, linen.  
*bianco*, white.  
*biasimare*, to blame.  
*bicchiera*, drinking glass.  
*biglietto*, ticket.  
*birra*, beer, ale.  
*birreria*, ale-house.  
*biscia*, snake.  
*bisognare*, to want, to need.  
*bisogno*, want, need.  
*bocca*, mouth.  
*boccone*, mouthful, bit.  
*bontà*, goodness.  
*borsa*, purse; exchange.  
*bosco*, forest, wood.  
*botte*, tub, cask.  
*bottega*, shop.

*bottiglia*, bottle.  
*bottone*, button.  
*braccialetto*, arm-ring.  
*braccio*, arm.  
*brocca*, ewer.  
*brodo*, broth.  
*bruciare*, to burn.  
*brutto*, ugly.  
*buca*, ditch.  
*buco*, hole.  
*bue*, ox.  
*buffone*, buffoon.  
*bugia*, lie, falsehood.  
*bugiardo*, liar.  
*buono*, good.  
*burla*, fun, trick.  
*burrasca*, storm.  
*burro* } butter.  
*butirro* }  
*bússola*, sea-compass.

## C.

*Caccia*, hunting.  
*cacciatore*, hunter.  
*cadere*, to fall.  
*caffè*, coffee.  
*cagionare*, to cause.  
*calamaio*, inkstand.  
*calamita*, magnet.  
*caldo*, warm, hot.  
*calmare*, to soothe.  
*calza*, stocking, sock.  
*calzolaio*, shoemaker.  
*calzoni*, trousers.  
*cambiale*, bill of exchange.  
*cambiare*, to change.  
*cámara*, room.  
*cameriere*, waiter.  
*camicia*, shirt, chemise.  
*camino*, chimney.  
*campagna*, country.  
*campana*, bell.  
*campanile*, steeple.  
*campo*, field.  
*canale*, canal.  
*canarino*, canary-bird.  
*cancellare*, to cross out.  
*candela*, candle.  
*cane*, dog.  
*canestro*, basket.  
*cannone*, gun, cannon.  
*cantare*, to sing.  
*capanna*, hut, cabin.

*capello*, hair.  
*capire*, to understand.  
*capitale*, capital.  
*capitano*, captain.  
*capo*, chief; head.  
*capolavoro*, masterpiece.  
*cappello*, hat.  
*capra*, goat.  
*capriolo*, roe-buck.  
*cárcere*, prison.  
*carceriere*, gaoler.  
*carestia*, dearth.  
*caricare*, to load.  
*carne*, meat.  
*caro*, dear.  
*carretta*, cart, waggon.  
*carro*, car, van.  
*carrozza*, carriage.  
*carta*, paper.  
*cartolaio*, stationer.  
*casa*, house.  
*cascina*, farm.  
*cassa*, cash; chest.  
*cassetta*, box, case.  
*castello*, castle.  
*castigare*, to chastise.  
*catena*, chain.  
*catrame*, tar.  
*cattivo*, bad.  
*cavaliere*, knight.  
*cavallo*, horse.  
*cavatappi*, cork-screw.  
*cávolo*, cabbage.  
*cena*, supper.  
*cenare*, to sup.  
*cencio*, rag.  
*cénere*, ashes.  
*cercare*, to look for.  
*certamente*, certainly.  
*certo*, certain.  
*cervo*, stag.  
*chiamare*, to call.  
*chiaro*, clear.  
*chiave*, key.  
*chiesa*, church.  
*chiuso*, shut.  
*ciarlare*, to chatter.  
*cieco*, blind.  
*cielo*, sky, heaven.  
*cigno*, swan.  
*ciliegia*, cherry.  
*cintura*, girdle.  
*circa*, about.

*città*, town, city.  
*civetta*, owl.  
*cocchiere*, coach-man.  
*cogliere*, to seize.  
*colazione*, breakfast.  
*collo*, neck.  
*colore*, colour.  
*coltello*, knife.  
*comandare*, to command.  
*come*, as; how.  
*commercio*, trade, commerce.  
*comodo*, comfort.  
*compagnia*, company.  
*compagno*, fellow.  
*comprare*, to buy.  
*condurre*, to lead.  
*conoscere*, to know.  
*conquistare*, to conquer.  
*contadino*, peasant.  
*contare*, to count.  
*contento*, satisfied.  
*conto*, account.  
*contrario*, contrary.  
*contro*, against.  
*convenire*, to agree.  
*coprire*, to cover.  
*coraggio*, courage.  
*corda*, rope.  
*corpo*, body.  
*correggere*, to correct.  
*corte*, yard.  
*cortigiano*, courtier.  
*corto*, short.  
*così*, so, thus.  
*coscia*, thigh.  
*costare*, to cost.  
*costrretto*, forced.  
*costruire*, to build.  
*cotto*, boiled, cooked.  
*credere*, to believe.  
*creocere*, to grow.  
*croce*, cross.  
*crudo*, raw.  
*cucina*, kitchen.  
*cucire*, to sew.  
*cugino*, cousin.  
*cuore*, heart.  
*cuscino*, cushion, pillow.

## D.

*Dacchè*, since.  
*danaro*, money.  
*danno*, damage.

*dappertutto*, everywhere.  
*dare*, to give.  
*data*, date.  
*davanti*, before.  
*davvero*, really.  
*débito*, debt.  
*débole*, feeble.  
*degnarsi*, to deign.  
*delitto*, crime.  
*dente*, tooth.  
*deporre*, to depose.  
*desiderare*, to wish.  
*desiderio*, wish.  
*desinare*, to dine, dinner.  
*destino*, destiny.  
*diamante*, diamond.  
*diavolo*, devil.  
*dichiarare*, to declare.  
*difendere*, to defend.  
*difettoso*, faulty.  
*difficile*, difficult.  
*difficoltà*, difficulty.  
*dimenticare*, to forget.  
*Dio*, God.  
*dire*, to say.  
*direttore*, director.  
*dirimpetto*, opposite.  
*diritto*, straight.  
*disadatto*, unfit.  
*disegno*, design.  
*disfare*, to undo.  
*disincolto*, well mannered.  
*disperare*, to despair.  
*dispiace*, to displease.  
*disprezzare*, to despise.  
*dissipare*, to squander.  
*distruggere*, to destroy.  
*disturbare*, to disturb.  
*dito*, finger.  
*divenire*, *diventare*, to become.  
*divertirsi*, to amuse oneself.  
*dizionario*, dictionary.  
*dolce*, sweet.  
*domanda*, question.  
*domandare*, to ask.  
*domani*, to-morrow.  
*doméstico*, domestic.  
*donna*, woman.  
*dono*, gift.  
*dopo*, after.  
*doppio*, double.  
*dormire*, to sleep.  
*dove*, where.

*dovere*, duty.  
*dozzina*, dozen.  
*dubbio*, doubt.  
*dunque*, then.  
*duro*, hard

## E.

*Ebbene*, well; nay.  
*ebbro*, drunken.  
*ebreo*, jew, jewish.  
*eccellenza*, excellence.  
*eccetto*, except.  
*ecco*, here is, here are.  
*edificare*, to edify.  
*educato*, educated.  
*effetto*, effect.  
*egoista*, egotist.  
*elefante*, elephant.  
*erba*, grass.  
*erede*, heir.  
*ergástolo*, penal servitude.  
*erigere*, to raise, to erect.  
*eroe*, hero.  
*errore*, error, mistake.  
*esempio*, instance, example.  
*esercizio*, exercise.  
*esigere*, to exact.  
*esprimere*, to express.  
*essere*, to be.  
*estendere*, to extend.  
*esterno*, external.  
*età*, age.  
*eterno*, eternal.

## F.

*Fabbrica*, factory.  
*fabbricare*, to build.  
*fabbro*, smith.  
*facchino*, porter.  
*faccia*, face.  
*facciata*, front.  
*facile*, easy.  
*falegname*, joiner.  
*fallo*, fault.  
*falso*, false.  
*fame*, hunger.  
*famiglia*, family.  
*fanciullo*, child.  
*fare*, to do.  
*farina*, flour.  
*farmacia*, dispensary.  
*farmacista*, chemist.  
*fávola*, fable.

*favore*, favour.  
*fazzoletto*, handkerchief.  
*febbre*, fever.  
*fedele*, faithful.  
*fegato*, liver.  
*felice*, happy.  
*felicità*, happiness.  
*femmina*, female.  
*ferire*, to wound.  
*ferita*, wound.  
*fermarsi*, to stop.  
*fermo*, firm.  
*ferro*, iron.  
*ferrovia*, railway.  
*fertile*, fertile.  
*fešta*, feast, festival.  
*fetta*, hurry.  
*fiaba*, nursery-tale.  
*fiamma*, flame.  
*fiammifero*, lucifer, match.  
*fiasco*, flask.  
*figlia*, daughter.  
*figlio*, son.  
*finestra*, window.  
*finire*, to finish.  
*fiore*, flower.  
*florino*, florin.  
*fiume*, river.  
*focolare*, hearth, fire-place.  
*foglia*, foglio, leaf.  
*fontana*, fountain.  
*foro*, hole.  
*forbici*, scissors.  
*foresta*, forest.  
*forestiere*, foreigner.  
*formaggio*, cheese.  
*fornaio*, baker.  
*forse*, perhaps.  
*forte*, strong.  
*fortezza*, fortress.  
*fortuna*, happiness, chance.  
*fortunato*, happy, fortunate.  
*forzare*, to force.  
*fra*, between, among.  
*frágola*, strawberry.  
*frangere*, to break.  
*frate*, monk, friar.  
*fratello*, brother.  
*freddo*, cold.  
*fresco*, cool, chilly.  
*fretta*, hurry.  
*fronte*, forehead.  
*frutto*, fruit.

*fucile*, gun, rifle.  
*fuga*, flight, escape.  
*fuggire*, to flee, to escape.  
*fuoco*, fire.  
*fuori*, out, outside.

## G.

*Gabbia*, cage.  
*gagliardo*, vigorous.  
*gallina*, hen.  
*gallo*, cock.  
*gamba*, leg.  
*garófano*, pink.  
*gatto*, cat.  
*gelare*, to freeze.  
*gelo*, frost.  
*geloni*, chill-blains.  
*geloso*, jealous.  
*gémere*, to moan, to groan.  
*gémito*, groan.  
*genio*, genius.  
*genitori*, parents.  
*gente*, people.  
*gentile*, kind, gentle.  
*gentilezza*, kindness.  
*gettare*, to throw.  
*ghiaccio*, ice.  
*giallo*, yellow.  
*giardiniere*, gardener.  
*giardino*, garden.  
*gigante*, giant.  
*ginocchio*, knee.  
*gioia*, joy.  
*giornale*, journal, newspaper.  
*giornata*, day-time.  
*giorno*, day.  
*giovane*, young.  
*giovannotto*, young man.  
*gioventù*, youth.  
*giovinetta*, young girl.  
*girare*, to turn.  
*giurare*, to swear.  
*giustizia*, justice.  
*giusto*, just.  
*godere*, to enjoy.  
*gola*, throat.  
*gómite*, elbow.  
*governo*, government.  
*gradire*, to agree.  
*grande*, great, large.  
*grandinare*, to hail.  
*grandioso*, grand.  
*grano*, corn.

*grasso*, fat.  
*grazie!* thank you.  
*gridare*, to cry.  
*grosso*, big, large.  
*gnadagnare*, to earn, to win.  
*guancia*, cheek.  
*guanto*, glove.  
*guardare*, to look.  
*gufo*, owl.  
*guglia*, spire.  
*guisa*, manner.  
*guscio*, shell.

## I.

*Ieri*, yesterday.  
*ignorante*, ignorant.  
*immaginarsi*, to imagine.  
*immagine*, image.  
*imparare*, to learn.  
*impedire*, to prevent.  
*imperatore*, emperor.  
*imperatrice*, empress.  
*importanza*, importance.  
*importare*, to import.  
*importo*, amount.  
*impresa*, undertaking.  
*imprestato*, loan.  
*imprimere*, to impress.  
*incantare*, to charm.  
*incanto*, imprudent.  
*inchiostro*, ink.  
*incontrare*, to meet.  
*incontro*, against.  
*indicare*, to indicate.  
*indietro*, back.  
*indirizzo*, address.  
*indurre*, to induce.  
*infatti*, indeed.  
*infelice*, unhappy.  
*infermità*, illness, distemper.  
*infuriato*, furious.  
*ingannare*, to cheat.  
*inghiottire*, to swallow.  
*ingiuria*, insult.  
*ingiusto*, unjust, unfair.  
*ingresso*, entrance.  
*innanzi*, before, forward.  
*inno*, hymn.  
*inquieto*, uneasy.  
*insegnante*, teacher.  
*insegnare*, to teach.  
*insensato*, blockhead.  
*insetto*, insect.

*insieme*, together.  
*insolente*, insolent.  
*insudiciare*, to soil.  
*intanto*, meanwhile.  
*intendere*, to intend.  
*interessante*, interesting.  
*intiero*, entire, whole.  
*inutile*, useless.  
*invano*, in vain.  
*invece*, instead.  
*inverno*, winter.  
*inviare*, to send.  
*invitare*, to invite.  
*ipócrita*, hypocrite.  
*ira*, anger.  
*isola*, island.  
*istituto*, institution.  
*istruire*, to instruct.  
*istruito*, *istrutto*, learned.

## L.

*Là*, there.  
*labbro*, lip.  
*laborioso*, laborious.  
*ladro*, thief.  
*laggiù*, there below.  
*lago*, lake.  
*lagrima*, tear.  
*lamento*, lament, groan.  
*lâmpada*, lamp.  
*lampo*, lightning.  
*lana*, wool.  
*larghezza*, breadth.  
*largo*, broad, wide.  
*lasciare*, to leave, to let.  
*lato*, side.  
*latte*, milk.  
*lauro*, laurel.  
*lavorare*, to work.  
*lavoro*, work.  
*legge*, law.  
*leggere*, light.  
*leggero*, to read.  
*legno*, wood.  
*lento*, slow.  
*leone*, lion.  
*lepre*, hare.  
*lettera*, letter.  
*letto*, bed.  
*lettura*, reading.  
*levarsi*, to rise.  
*libbra*, pound.  
*libero*, free, at liberty.

*libertà*, freedom, liberty.  
*libraio*, bookseller.  
*libro*, book.  
*lido*, shore.  
*lieto*, glad.  
*lineaments*, feature.  
*lingua*, tongue, language.  
*lira sterlina*, pound sterling.  
*liscio*, smooth.  
*lodévole*, praiseworthy.  
*lontano*, far, distant.  
*lotta*, struggle.  
*luccicare*, to glitter.  
*luce*, light.  
*lume*, light, lamp.  
*lunghezza*, length.  
*lungo*, long.  
*lusingarsi*, to flatter oneself.  
*luogo*, place.  
*lupo*, wolf.

## M.

*Macchia*, spot.  
*macellaio*, butcher.  
*macinare*, to grind.  
*madre*, mother.  
*maestoso*, majestic.  
*maestro*, teacher, master.  
*magnifico*, splendid.  
*magro*, lean.  
*malandrino*, rascal, robber.  
*malato*, sick, ill.  
*malattia*, illness.  
*malcauto*, imprudent.  
*malcontento*, dissatisfied.  
*maldicenza*, scandal.  
*male*, ill; evil.  
*malgrado*, in spite of.  
*malsano*, unhealthy.  
*mancia*, fee.  
*mandare*, to send.  
*mangiare*, to eat.  
*mano*, hand.  
*mantenere*, to keep, to maintain.  
*manzo*, beef.  
*maraviglia*, marvel.  
*mare*, sea.  
*margheritina*, daisy.  
*marinaio*, sailor.  
*marmo*, marble.  
*maschera*, mask.  
*massaia*, house-wife.  
*matita*, lead-pencil.

*mattina*, morning.  
*mattone*, brick.  
*maturo*, ripe, mature.  
*mazzo*, nosegay.  
*medicina*, medicine, physic.  
*médico*, physician.  
*meglio*, better.  
*mela*, apple.  
*memoria*, memory.  
*mendico*, beggar.  
*meno*, less.  
*mentire*, to lie, to tell a falsehood.  
*mercante*, merchant.  
*mercato*, market.  
*merito*, merit.  
*merlo*, blackbird.  
*mese*, month.  
*mestiere*, trade.  
*meta*, aim, end.  
*metà*, half.  
*metallo*, metal.  
*mezzo*, half; means.  
*miètere*, to harvest.  
*migliore*, better.  
*militare*, military.  
*minaccia*, threat.  
*minacciare*, to threaten.  
*minaccioso*, threatening.  
*minestra*, soup.  
*ministro*, minister.  
*minuto*, minute.  
*mischiare*, to mingle.  
*miserabile*, wretched.  
*miseria*, misery.  
*misto*, mixed.  
*misura*, measure.  
*modello*, model.  
*moderno*, modern.  
*modesto*, modest.  
*módico*, moderate.  
*molto*, much, very.  
*momento*, moment.  
*monarca*, monarch.  
*mondo*, world.  
*montagna*, mountain.  
*monte*, mount.  
*mórdere*, to bite.  
*morire*, to die.  
*morte*, death.  
*morto*, dead.  
*mosso*, moved.  
*mostrare*, to show.  
*motivo*, motive.

*moto*, motion.  
*mulo*, mule.  
*muoversi*, to move.  
*muratore*, mason.  
*muro*, wall.  
*mutare*, to change.

## N.

*Nascere*, to be born.  
*nàscita*, birth.  
*nascondere*, to hide.  
*naso*, nose.  
*nastro*, ribbon.  
*nato*, born.  
*natura*, nature.  
*naturale*, natural.  
*nave*, ship, boat.  
*nazione*, nation.  
*nebbia*, fog, mist.  
*nemico*, enemy.  
*nero*, black.  
*nettare*, to clean.  
*netto*, proper, clean.  
*nido*, nest.  
*niente*, nothing.  
*nipote*, nephew.  
*nobiltà*, nobility.  
*noce*, walnut.  
*nodo*, knot.  
*noioso*, tiresome.  
*nome*, name, noun.  
*noncuranza*, carelessness.  
*nonna*, grandmother.  
*nonno*, grandfather.  
*notizia*, news.  
*notte*, night.  
*novella*, tale.  
*novità*, novelty.  
*nudo*, naked.  
*nulla*, nothing.  
*nuora*, daughter-in-law.  
*nuovo*, new.  
*nutrice*, nurse.  
*nutrire*, to nourish.

## O.

*Occhiali*, spectacles.  
*occhio*, eye.  
*occulto*, hidden.  
*occupato*, occupied.  
*odiare*, to hate.  
*odio*, hatred.  
*odioso*, hateful.

*odore*, odour.  
*offesa*, offense.  
*officina*, factory.  
*offrire*, to offer.  
*oggetto*, object.  
*ognora*, always.  
*omaggio*, homage.  
*ombrella*, umbrella.  
*ombrellino*, parasol.  
*onda*, wave.  
*onesto*, honest.  
*onore*, honour.  
*opera*, work.  
*opporre*, to oppose.  
*ora*, hour.  
*oracolo*, oracle.  
*ordine*, order.  
*orecchio*, ear.  
*orgoglioso*, proud.  
*ornamento*, ornament.  
*orologio*, watch.  
*oscuro*, dark.  
*ospedale*, hospital.  
*osservare*, to observe.  
*osso*, bone.  
*ottenere*, to obtain.  
*ovunque*, everywhere.  
*ozio*, laziness.  
*ozioso*, lazy, idle.

## P.

*Pacato*, calm.  
*pacco*, parcel.  
*pace*, peace.  
*padre*, father.  
*padrone*, master.  
*paese*, country.  
*pagare*, to pay.  
*paglia*, straw.  
*paio*, pair.  
*palato*, palace.  
*palla*, ball.  
*panca*, bench.  
*panciotto*, waistcoat.  
*paniere*, basket.  
*panno*, cloth.  
*parere*, to seem.  
*parlare*, to speak.  
*passare*, to pass.  
*passaggiare*, to walk.  
*passo*, step.  
*patibolo*, scaffold.  
*patire*, to suffer.

*paura*, fright.  
*pauroso*, afraid.  
*pazienza*, patience.  
*pazzia*, folly.  
*pazzo*, foolish.  
*peccato*, sin.  
*peccatore*, sinner.  
*pécora*, sheep.  
*péggio*, worse.  
*pena*, pain.  
*penna*, pen.  
*pensare*, to think.  
*pentirsi*, to repent.  
*pentola*, pot, boiler.  
*pera*, pear.  
*perdonare*, to pardon.  
*perduto*, lost.  
*pericolo*, danger.  
*permettere*, to permit.  
*pescatore*, fisherman.  
*pesce*, fish.  
*petto*, breast.  
*pezzo*, piece.  
*piacere*, pleasure.  
*piacevole*, pleasing.  
*piangere*, to weep.  
*piano*, plain.  
*pianta*, plant.  
*pianterreno*, groundfloor.  
*piazza*, place.  
*piccolo*, small, little.  
*piede*, foot.  
*pigro*, lazy.  
*pioggia*, rain.  
*piombo*, lead.  
*pittore*, painter.  
*pittura*, painting.  
*plebe*, mob.  
*poco*, little.  
*poltrona*, easy chair.  
*pólvere*, dust; powder.  
*pópolo*, people.  
*porco*, swine, pork.  
*porta*, door.  
*portinaio*, door-keeper.  
*portone*, gateway.  
*posto*, place.  
*potenza*, power.  
*póvero*, poor.  
*pozzo*, well.  
*pranzare*, to dine.  
*pranzo*, dinner.  
*pregare*, to pray, to beg.



*preghierà*, prayer.  
*premio*, prize.  
*prendere*, to take.  
*presto*, soon.  
*prezioso*, precious.  
*prezzo*, price.  
*prigione*, prison.  
*principale*, principal, chief.  
*principe*, prince.  
*probabile*, probable.  
*produrre*, to produce.  
*proibire*, to prevent.  
*promettere*, to promise.  
*pronto*, ready.  
*proposta*, proposal.  
*proprietà*, propriety.  
*prossimo*, next.  
*prova*, proof, trial.  
*provare*, to try.  
*prugna*, plum.  
*pugnare*, to fight.  
*pulito*, clean.  
*pulpito*, pulpit.  
*pingere*, to stick.  
*punta*, point.

## Q.

*Quaderno*, quire, copy-book.  
*quadro*, picture.  
*quale*, which.  
*qualità*, quality.  
*quattro*, four.  
*quieto*, quiet.

## R.

*Rabbia*, rage.  
*rabbioso*, enraged.  
*racconto*, tale, narrative.  
*ragazza*, girl.  
*ragazzo*, boy.  
*raggio*, beam.  
*ragione*, reason.  
*rame*, copper.  
*re*, king.  
*recare*, to bring.  
*regalo*, present.  
*regina*, queen.  
*regola*, rule.  
*reso*, rendered.  
*restare*, to remain.  
*restituire*, to render.  
*resto*, remainder.  
*ribassare*, to lower.

*ricchezza*, riches, wealth.  
*ricco*, rich.  
*ricevere*, to receive.  
*ricevuta*, receipt.  
*ricordare*, to remember.  
*ricordo*, keepsake.  
*ridere*, to laugh.  
*ridicolo*, ridiculous.  
*rigoroso*, rigorous.  
*rimanere*, to remain.  
*rimprovero*, reproach.  
*ringraziare*, to thank.  
*riposare*, to rest.  
*risparmiare*, to spare, to save.  
*rispondere*, to answer.  
*risposta*, answer.  
*ritornare*, to return.  
*ritratto*, portrait.  
*riuscire*, to succeed.  
*roba*, things.  
*rondine*, swallow.  
*rosa*, rose.  
*rosso*, red.  
*rotondo*, round.  
*rotto*, broken.  
*rubare*, to steal.  
*rumore*, noise.

## S.

*Sacco*, sack.  
*sacerdote*, priest, clergyman.  
*sala*, hall, drawing-room.  
*sale*, salt.  
*salire*, to mount.  
*salute*, health.  
*salvare*, to save.  
*sangue*, blood.  
*sano*, healthy.  
*savio*, wise.  
*sbaglio*, mistake.  
*scala*, staircase.  
*scaldarsi*, to warm oneself.  
*scarpa*, shoe.  
*scarso*, scarce, scanty.  
*scatola*, box.  
*scégliere*, to choose.  
*scéndere*, to descend.  
*scherzare*, to joke.  
*schiaffo*, box on the ears.  
*schiena*, back.  
*schioppo*, gun, fusil.  
*sciocco*, stupid, silly.  
*scoglio*, cliff.

*scordarsi*, to forget.  
*scrivere*, to write.  
*scuola*, school.  
*scusare*, to excuse.  
*secco*, dry.  
*sécolo*, century.  
*séggia*, *sedia*, chair.  
*sempre*, always.  
*sentire*, to feel.  
*sera*, evening.  
*serva*, servant-maid.  
*servire*, to serve.  
*servitore*, footman.  
*seta*, silk.  
*settimana*, week.  
*sgridare*, to scold.  
*signore*, gentleman.  
*soddisfare*, to satisfy.  
*sogno*, dream.  
*soldato*, soldier.  
*soldo* (it.), halfpenny.  
*sole*, sun.  
*sólito*, usual.  
*sonno*, slumber, sleep.  
*sorella*, sister.  
*sorridere*, to smile.  
*sospiro*, sigh.  
*sotto*, under.  
*spada*, sword.  
*spalla*, shoulder.  
*sparire*, to disappear.  
*spavento*, fright.  
*sponda*, shore.  
*sposa*, bride, wife.  
*sposare*, to marry.  
*sposo*, bridegroom; husband.  
*stagione*, season.  
*stampare*, to print.  
*stamperia*, printing office.  
*stanco*, tired, wearied.  
*stare*, to stay, to stop.  
*stato*, state.  
*stivale*, boot.  
*strada*, street.  
*straniero*, stranger.  
*stretto*, narrow.  
*studio*, study.  
*stufa*, stove.  
*súbito*, immediately.  
*súddito*, subject.  
*sventura*, misfortune.

## T.

*Tacere*, to be silent.  
*tagliare*, to cut.  
*tanto*, so much.  
*tardi*, late.  
*távola*, *távolo*, table.  
*tazza*, cup.  
*tedesco*, German.  
*tela*, linen.  
*temere*, to fear.  
*temperino*, penknife.  
*tempesta*, storm, tempest.  
*temporale*, storm, hurricane.  
*tenente*, lieutenant.  
*tenere*, to keep, to hold.  
*tenero*, tender, soft.  
*terra*, earth.  
*terreno*, ground.  
*tetto*, roof.  
*tirare*, to draw.  
*toccare*, to touch.  
*togliere*, to take away.  
*tornare*, to return.  
*torre*, tower.  
*torta*, tart.  
*tosto*, soon.  
*tovaglia*, table-cloth.  
*tradurre*, translate.  
*traduzione*, translation.  
*trarre*, to draw.  
*trascinare*, to drag.  
*trascurare*, to neglect.  
*tremare*, to tremble.  
*trono*, throne.  
*troppo*, too much.  
*trovare*, to find.  
*tuono*, thunder.  
*turbare*, to disturb, to trouble.  
*turchino*, blue.

## U.

*Ubbidire*, to obey.  
*ubbriacone*, drunkard.  
*uccello*, bird.  
*ucciso*, killed.  
*udire*, to hear.  
*uffiziale*, officer.  
*último*, last.  
*úmido*, damp.  
*úmile*, humble.  
*uovo*, egg.  
*usare*, to use.  
*uso*, use.

*uscio*, door.  
*uscire*, to go out.  
*usignuolo*, nightingale.  
*utile*, useful.  
*uva*, grapes.

## V.

*Vaglia*, post office order.  
*vano*, vain.  
*vantaggio*, advantage.  
*vapore*, steam.  
*vecchiaia*, old age.  
*vecchio*, old.  
*veduto*, seen.  
*vegliare*, to wake.  
*velo*, veil.  
*vendetta*, vengeance.  
*vento*, wind.

*venturo*, future, next.  
*verde*, green.  
*verme*, worm.  
*vero*, true.  
*veste*, dress, gown.  
*vestito*, dress, clothes.  
*vetta*, top.  
*vettura*, carriage.  
*viaggiare*, to travel.  
*vicino*, neighbour.  
*vissuto*, lived.  
*vita*, life.  
*voce*, voice.

## Z.

*Zio*, *zia*, uncle, aunt.  
*zucchero*, sugar.  
*zufolo*, whistle.

## II. English-Italian.

## A.

A, an, *un (uno)* m., *una* f.  
 able, to be able, *potere*, *sapere*.  
 abominable, *abbominévole*.  
 about *circa*, *all'incirca*, *da*, *di*;  
     at about 10 o'clock, *verso le 10*;  
     to have anything about one,  
     *avér séco*.  
 absence, *assénza* f.  
 absent, *assénte*.  
 absolute, *assolúto*, -a.  
 abstain, to —, *asténersi*.  
 absurdity, *assurdità* f.  
 abuse, to —, *abusáre*.  
 academy, *accadémia* f.  
 accept, to —, *accettáre*, *ricevere*.  
 accomodate, to —, *accomodáre*;  
     *fáre*.  
 accompany, to —, *accompagnáre*.  
 account, *cónto* m.  
 accustom, to —, *accostumáre*,  
     *avvezzáre*.  
 acid, *ágro*, -a.  
 acquaintance, *conoscénza*, f.  
 acquire, to —, *acquistáre*.

act, *l'atto* m.  
 act, to —, *agire*.  
 action, *azióne* f.  
 active, *attivo*, -a.  
 actual, *attuale* m. & f.  
 address, to —, *parláre*; *indiriz-  
     záre la paróla*.  
 administration, *amministrazióne*  
     fem.  
 admiral, *ammiraglio*.  
 advanced, *avanzáto*.  
 advantage, *vantággio* m.  
 adversary, *avversário* m.  
 Æsop, *Esópo*.  
 affair, *faccénda* f., *affáre* m.  
 affirmation, *asserzióne* f.  
 afraid, to be —, *aver páura*;  
     *temére*.  
 after, *dópo*.  
 afternoon, *dopo pránzo*; at 2, 3,  
     4 . . . o'clock in the afternoon,  
     *alle 2, 3, 4 . . . pomeridiáne*.  
 against, *cóntra* (*cóntre*).  
 age, *età* f., old age, *vecchiáia* f.  
 ago, a few days ago, *alcúni  
     giórní* f.

- agree, to —, *convenire*.  
agreeable, adj. *aggradevole*, adv. *aggradevolmente*.  
agriculture, *agricoltura* f.  
aground, to run —, *naufragare*.  
air, *aria* f.  
alas! *oimè!*  
Alexander, *Alessandro*; Alex. the Great, — *Magno*.  
Alfred, *Alfrèdo*.  
all, *tutto*, -a, pl. *tutti*, -e; at all, *punto*.  
All-Saints'-Day, *Ognissanti*.  
alliance, *alleanza* f.  
allow, to —, *permettere*.  
almost, *quasi*.  
alone, *solo*, *solletto*, -a.  
along, *lungo*; to come — with, *venire con*; get —, *via!*  
Alps, *Alpi*.  
also, *anche*.  
although, *benchè*, *ancorchè*, *quantunque*.  
always, *sempre*.  
ambassador, *ambasciatore* m.  
amend, to —, *emendare*.  
amiable, *amabile* m. & f.  
amends, to make —, *ritrattarsi*.  
amenity, *amenità*.  
America, *America*, *American* adj., *americano*, -a.  
amiable, *amabile* m. & f.  
among, *tra*, *fra*, *presso*.  
amuse, to —, *divertirsi*.  
amusing, *divertente* m. & f.  
Anaxamenes, *Anassamene*.  
anchor, to weigh —, *levar l'ancora*, *salpare*.  
ancient, adj. *antico*, -a, pl. *antichi*, -e.  
anger, *collera*, *furia* f., *sdegno* m.  
angry, *adirato*, -a.  
animal, *animale* m.  
another, *un altro*, *un'altra*; one another, *l'un l'altro*, f. *l'una l'altra*; pl. *gli uni gli altri*, f. *le une le altre*.  
answer, *risposta* f, to —, *rispondere*.  
antiquity, *antichità* f.  
any (often not translated), *alcuno*, -a.  
anything, *qualche cosa di...*  
apartment, *stanza*, f.  
appetite, *appetito* m.  
approach, to —, *avvicinarsi*.  
approve, to —, *approvare*.  
apricot, *albicocca* f.  
arm, *braccio* m., pl. *le braccia*.  
army, *armata* f.  
around, *intorno*, -a . . .  
arrest, to —, *arrestare*.  
arrive, to —, *arrivare*, *giungere*.  
art, *arte* f.  
Artaxerxes, *Artaserse*.  
artist, *artista* m. & f.  
as, *come*, *che*, *quanto*.  
as well — as, *tanto — quanto* (invar.); *così (sì) come — (che)*; *siccome*; as — as, *tanto — quanto*, f. *tanta — quanta*, pl. *tanti — quanti*, f. *tante — quante*; *tanto*, pl. *-i, -e — che (come)*; as soon as possible, *quanto prima*.  
ashamed, to be —, *aver vergogna*.  
ashes, *cenere* m. & f.; pl. f.  
ashore, to go —, *approdare*.  
Asia, *Asia* f.  
ask, to —, *domandare*.  
assembly, *assemblea*, *adunanza* f.  
assist, to —, *assistere*.  
assistance, *assistenza* f., *ajuto* m.  
assure, to —, *assicurare*.  
astonishment, *stupore* m.  
astray, to go —, *vagare*.  
at, *a*, *da*, *in*.  
attack, to —, *assalire*.  
attentive, *attento*, *intento*, -a.  
attract, to —, *attrarre*.  
Austria, *Austria* f.  
Austrian, subst. & adj. *austríaco*, f. -a; pl. m. subst. -ci; pl. adj. m. -chi and ci.  
author, *autore* m.  
authorize, to —, *autorizzare*.  
avarice, *avarizia* f.  
avenger, *vendicatore* m.  
avenue, *parco* m.  
await, to —, *aspettare*.  
awaken, to —, *destare*.  
aware, to be —, *sapere*, *sentire*.  
away, *via*; to go —, *andarsene*.  
Aix-la-chapelle, *Aquisgrana* f.

## B.

Back, *diétro*, *indiétro*, *addiétro* (see the verb this adj. is used with); to be —, *essere di ritorno*, *ritornare*.

bad, *cattivo*, -a; badly, *mále*.

baker, *fornaio* m.

ball, *bállo* m.; *palla* f.

ballet, *ballétto* m.

banish, to —, *bandire*, *esiliare*.

bank (of a river), *riva*, *spónda* f.

barbarian, *bárbaro* m.

barrel, *barile*.

basket, *cestéllo*, *céstó*, *panière* m.

battle, *battáglia* f.

be, to —, *essere*. (See begone.)

beard, *bárba* f.

beauty, *bellézza* f.

beautiful, *bello*, -a.

because, *perchè*, *poichè*, *giacchè*.

become, to —, *divenire*, *diventare*; to become = to befit, *convenire a qdn*.

bed, *létto* m.; to go to —, *coricarsi*, *andare a letto*.

beer, *birra* f.

befall, to —, *essere fatto a qdn*.

before, *prima di*.

beg, to —, *pregare*.

beggar, *mendico* m.

begin, to —, *cominciare a...*, *mettersi a...*; to — with, *cominciare con...*; a travel..., *intraprendere un viaggio (di stúdi)*.

beginning, *principio* m.

begone! *va! váda!*

behaviour, *condótta* f.

behind, *diétro*.

being, the —, *creatúra* f., *essere* m.

believe, to —, *credere*. [*di...*]

belong, to —, *appartenere*, *essere*

bend, to —, *inchinare*.

Berlin, *Berlino*.

beside, to be — oneself, *essere fuori di sè*.

besides, *oltre a ciò*, *per áltro*.

best, *il (la) migliore*.

Bethlehem, *Betelénne*.

betrothal, *sponsáli* pl. m.

better, *miglióre* m. & f.; to like — *amár meglio*, *preferire*; it is —, *val (è) meglio*.

Bible, *Bibbia* f.

bid, to —, *comandare*, *ordinare*; to — farewell, *dire addio*.

big, *gróssu*, -a; grande m. & f.

bill, *cambiále* f., *cónto* m.

bind, to —, *legare*.

bird, *uccéllo* m.

birth, *náscita* f.; to give —, *produrre*.

black, *nero*, -a.

blackbird, *cornáccia* f.

bleed, to —, *sanguinare*.

blessing, *benedicióne* f. (sing.).

blind, *cieco*, -a.

blockhead, *imbecille* m. & f.

blood, *sángue* m.

blossom, to —, *fiore*; blossom, the, *fióre* m.

blue, *azzúrro*, *turchino*, -a.

blush, to —, *arrossire*.

boast, to — of., *gloriarsi di...*

boatman, *barcaiólo* m.

body, *córpo* m.

bold, *ardíto*, -a; audáce m. & f.

bone, *ósso*, m. pl. *le ossa*.

bonnet, *cappéllo* m., *cúffia* f.

book, *libro* m.

bookbinder, *legatóre di libri*.

boot, *stivále* m.

hooty, *préda* f., *bottino* m.

born, to by —, *náscere*; P. rem. *náscui*, P. p. *náto*; to be —, i. e. to live. to be, *essere nato*.

both, *ámbe*, *ámbedúe*, i (le) *due*.

bottle, *bottiglia* f.

bottled wine, *vino da bottiglia*.

box, *scatola* f.; (in the theatre) *pálco* m.

boy, *ragázso* m.

Brazil, *il Brasile*.

brave, *coraggióso*, -a.

brave, to —, *sfidare*.

bread, *pane* m.

break, to —, *rómpere*; Pass. rem. *rúppi*, P. p. *róttö*; to — off, *rómpere*.

breakfast, *colazióne* f.

breast, *pétto* m.

breathe, to —, *spirare*, *respirare*.

bride, *spósa* f.

briefly, *in brève*; briefly then, *tant' è*.

brine, *acqua* f.; le *ónde* pl. f.;

bring, to —, *portàre, recàre, trasportàre*; — up, *educare, allevàre*.

broad, *largo*, -a.

brother, *fratello* m.

buffoon, *buffone* m.

build, to —, *costruire; fabbricare*.

building, *edifizio* m., *fabbrica* f.

burn, to —, *bruciare*.

burst, to — forth, *prorompere*.

business, *affare*, -i.

but, *ma, però*.

butcher, *beccàio, macellaio* m.

butter, *butirro, burro* m.

buy, to —, *comperare, comprare*.

by, *da*; by heart, *a mente*, by (of time), *verso*, by night, *di notte*; by and by, *prèsto o tardi*.

## C.

Cæsar, *Cesare*.

calculate, to —, *computare*.

calendar, *calendario* m.

calf, *vitello* m.

call, to —, *chiamare*; to — on . . . ,

*andare (venire) a trovare, visitare*; to be called, *chiamarsi*.

calumniation, *calunnia* f.

camp, *campo* m.

can, I can, *pòsso* [Inf. *potere*, see (to be) able].

cap, *cuffia, berretta* f.

capital, the —, *capitale* f. (of a country).

Capitol, *Campidoglio* m.

captain, *capitano* m.

car, *càro* m.

caravan, *caravana* f.

card, *carta* f.

care, *cura* f.; to take —, *badare, aver cura*.

carnival, *carnevale* m.

carriage, *carrozza* f.

carrier, *carrettàio* m.

carry, to —, *portare*.

Carthaginian, *Cartaginese*.

case, *càso* m.

cat, *gatti* m.

cathedral, *cattedrale* f.

cause (in law), *lite* f. (reason), *càusa* f.

cause, to —, *cagionare*.

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cautious, *càuto*, -a, adj.

cavern, *caverna* f.

cease, to —, *cessare*.

celebrated, *cèlebre* m. & f., *renomato*, -a.

certain, *certo*, -a, adj.

cessation, without —, *incessantemente*.

Champagne, *Sciampagna* f.

change, to —, *convertire*.

character, *carattere* m.

charge, to —, *caricare*.

Charles, *Càro*.

charming, adj. *amèno*, -a; *vàgo*, -a.

chatter, to —, *chiaccherare*.

cheap, cheaply, *a buon mercato*.

cheat, to —, *ingannare, gabbare*.

cheese, *formaggio* m.

cheesemonger, *formaggiàio* m.

cherry, *ciriègia* f.

cherry-tree, *ciriègio* m.

chess, *gli scacchi* m.

child, *fanciullo* m.

choice, *scelta* f.

Christ, *Crìsto*.

Christian, *cristiano* m.

church, *chièsa* f.

Cicero, *Cicerone*.

cigar, *sigaro* m.

circumference, *circuito* m.

circumstance, *circostanza* f.

citizen, *cittadino* m.

city, *città* f.

civilisation, *incivilimento* m., *civiltà* f.

civilized, *civilizzato, colto*.

clean, to —, *pulire*.

clear, *chiàro, limpido* adj.; to see —, *veder chiàro*.

clever, *abile* m. & f.

clock, o'clock, at 1 o'clock, *ad un'ora, al tocco*; at 2, 3, 4 etc.

o' —, *alle 2, 3, 4 etc.*

cloth, *panno* m.

clothes, *abiti* m.

clown, *buffone* m.

coach and four, *tiro a quattrò* m.

coachman, *cocchiere, vetturino* m.

coast, *spiaggia* f., *costa* f.

coat, *abito* m.

cock, to — (a pistol), *montare il càne*.

coffee, *caffè* m.

coffin, *sarcófago* m.  
 cold, *fréddo*, -a, adj.  
 colonel, *colonnello* m.  
 colour, *colóre* m.  
 Columbus, *Colómbo* m.  
 column, *colonna* f.  
 combat, *lótta* f.  
 comfort, *ágio* m.  
 come, to —, *venire*; to — along, *venire con qdn.*  
 comedy, *commédia* f.  
 comment, to —, *commentäre.*  
 commerce, *commércio* m.  
 commission, *commissióne* f.  
 commissioner, *commissário* m.  
 common, *comüne*; — -ly, *ordinariáménte.*  
 communicate, to —, *communi-cäre.*  
 complain, to —, *lagnársi.*  
 complexion, *carnagióne* f.  
 conclude, to —, *conchiudere.*  
 condemn, to —, *condannäre.*  
 condition, *condizióne* f.  
 conduct, *condóttä* f.  
 confederation, *confederazióne* f.  
 confess, to —, *confessäre.*  
 confirm, to —, *confermäre.*  
 connection, *relazióne* f., *rap-pórto* m.  
 conquer, to —, *conquistäre*; to — smbd., *vincere.*  
 conqueror, *conquistatóre* m.  
 consequence, *consequénza* f.  
 consequently, *perciò.*  
 consignment, *spedizióne* f.  
 consist, to —, *compórsi di*; *est-sistere* (da).  
 conspiracy, *congiúra* f.  
 constant, *costánte*, *fermo.*  
 Constantinople, *Costantinópolis.*  
 consul, *cónsole* m.  
 contagion, *contágio* m.  
 contemporary, *contemporáneo* m.  
 contract, to —, *contrárre.*  
 contradict, to —, *contraddire.*  
 contrary, *contrário*, -a.  
 convenient, *convenévole*, *conve-niénte.*  
 convince, to —, *convincere*, *per-suadére.*  
 cook, *cuóco* m., *cuóca* f.  
 copy, the —, *cópia* f.

copybook, *quadérno* m.  
 Coriolanus, *Corioláno.*  
 corpse, *cadávère* m.  
 correct, to —, *corréggere.*  
 correctness, *giustézza* f.  
 cost, to —, *costäre.*  
 counsel, *consiglió* m.  
 counsellor, *consiglière* m.  
 count, *cónte* m., to count, *con-täre.*  
 countenance, *aspétto* m.  
 countess, *contéssa* f.  
 country, *pátria* f.; (in contra-distinction to town) *campáña* f.; = land, *paése* m.  
 countryman, *concittadino*, *com-paesáno* m.  
 courage, *corággio* m.  
 courageous, *coraggióso*, *intré-pido*, -a.  
 course, the, *córso* m.  
 course, of —, *sicúro*; *natural-ménte* adv.  
 court, *córté* f.  
 courtier, *cortigiáno* m.  
 cousin, *cugino* m., *cugina* f.  
 cover, to —, *coprire.* [m.  
 covetous (old sinner), *avaráccio*  
 crack, to —, *scricchioläre.*  
 creation, *creazióne* f.; id. *figúra* f.  
 creator, *creatóre* m.  
 crime, *crimine* m., *delitto* m.  
 criticism, *critica* f.  
 crown, to —, *incoronäre.*  
 cruel, *crudele* m. & f.  
 cruelty, *crudeltà* f.  
 cry, the —, *lo strido*, pl. *le strida.*  
 cry, to — (weep), *piángere*; (scream), *gridäre*; to — for mercy, *chiedere grázia.*  
 cultivate, to —, *cultiväre.*  
 cultivated (adj.), *cólto*, -a.  
 cup, *chicchera* f., *tázza* f.  
 cupola, *cúpola* f.  
 cure, to —, *curäre*, *guarire.*  
 cut, to —, *tagliäre.*

## D.

Damage, *dánno* m.  
 damp, *úmido*, -a.  
 dance, to —, *balläre.*  
 danger, *pericolo* m.  
 dare, to —, *osäre.*

- Darius, *Dário* m.  
 dark, *oscúro*, -a.  
 daughter, *figlia* f.  
 day, *giórno* m., *dì* m.; this -- week, *oggi a otto*.  
 daybreak, *il far del giorno*.  
 dairy-woman, *lattivéndola* f.  
 dead, *mórto*, -a.  
 dealer, *negoziánte* m.  
 dear, *cáro*, -a.  
 death, *mórte* f.; -- bed, *letto di morte* m.  
 debt, *débuto* m.  
 decay, to --, *decadére*.  
 deceit, *fróde* f.  
 deceive, to --, *ingannáre, delúdere*.  
 declare, to --, *dichiaráre*.  
 decrease, to --, *decréscere*.  
 dedicate, to --, *dedicáre*.  
 deed, the lofty --, *le gésta*.  
 deep, *profóndo*, -a.  
 defend, to --, *disféndere*.  
 defeat, the --, *sconfitta* f.  
 defence, *disésa* f.  
 deign, to --, *degnársi*.  
 delight, to --, *rallegráre*.  
 delivered, *liberáto*, -a; Jerusalem --, *la Gerusalémme liberáta*.  
 delude, to --, *delúdere, beffársi di*.  
 delusion (see to delude).  
 demand, to --, *domandáre*.  
 Demosthenes, *Demóstene* m.  
 den, *caverna* f.  
 denounce, to --, *denunciáre*.  
 deny, to --, *negáre*.  
 depart, to --, *partíre*.  
 depend, to --, *fidársi di* . . .  
 deprive, to --, *priváre*.  
 deride, to --, *burlársi di* . . .  
 derive, to --, *deriváre*.  
 disease, *maláttia* f.  
 design, the --, *desidério, desio* m.  
 desire, to --, *disidérare*.  
 despatched, to be --, *partíre*.  
 desperately, *disperataménte* adv.  
 despise, to --, *sprezzáre*.  
 destine, to --, *destináre*.  
 destiny, *destíno* m.  
 destroy, to --, *distrúggere*.  
 destruction, *distrúzione* f.  
 detain, to --, *trattenére, ritenére*.  
 develop, to --, *sviluppare*.  
 device, *stratagéma* m.  
 devote, to --, *consacráre*.  
 dialogue, *diálogo* m.  
 Dido, *Didóne* f.  
 die, to --, *morire*.  
 different, *différénte* m. & f.  
 difficult, *difficile* m. & f.  
 difficulty, *difficoltà* f. (from diff... *dall'impiccio*).  
 dig, to -- up, *scaváre*.  
 diligent, *diligénte* m. & f., *laborioso*, -a.  
 diminish, to --, *diminuíre, scemáre*.  
 dine, to --, *pranzáre*.  
 dining-room, *sála da pranzo*.  
 dinner, *pránzo* m.  
 directly, *súbito* adv.  
 disagreeable, *sgradévole, spiacente*.  
 disappear, to --, *sparire*.  
 discover, to --, *scopíre*.  
 disgrace, *disgrázia* f., *mále* m.  
 dispense, to --, *dispensáre*.  
 displease, to --, *spiacére*.  
 disposed, *disposto*, -a.  
 dispute, *lite* f.  
 dissipate, to --, *dissipáre*.  
 dissolve, to --, *dissólvere*.  
 distance, *distánza* f.  
 distant, *distánte*.  
 distinguish, to --, *distinguere*.  
 distribute, to --, *distribuire*.  
 disturb, to --, *sturbare*.  
 disturbance, *distúrbo* m.  
 ditch, *fósso* m., *fóssa* f.  
 divine, *divino*, -a.  
 do, to --, *fare*. Have done! *finitela! la finisca (Ella)!*  
 dog, *cáne* m.  
 dollar, *scúdo* m.  
 dome, *duómo* m.  
 door, *pórta* f., *uscio* m.  
 door-keeper, *guardaportóni* m., *portináio* m.  
 doubt, to --, *dubitáre*.  
 down, *abbássso*; to fall -- stairs, *cadére dalla scála*; to fall -- on one's knees, *cadér ginocchióne*.  
 dozen, *dozzina* f.  
 draught, *tíro* m.



draw, to —, *trárre*; to — upon  
(= to attract), *attiráre*; to —  
the sword, *squainár la spáda*.  
dreadful, *funésto*, -a.  
dress, the —, *la véste*, to —,  
*vestire*.  
drink, to —, *bére (bèvere)*.  
drip, to —, *grondáre* (with *dì*),  
*sgoccioláre*.  
drive, to —, (out), *cacciáre*.  
drunken (man), *ubbríaco* m.  
duke, *dúca* m.  
duration, *duráta* f.  
during, *per*, *duránte*.  
Dutch, *Olandése* adj. and subst.  
dutiful, *fedéle al suo dovère*.  
duty, *dovère*, *dázio* m.

## E.

Each, *ognúno*, *ciaschedúno*, *ciascúno*, *ógni*.  
earn, to —, *raccórre*, *miètere*.  
earnest, *sério*, -a adj.; in —, *da sèrno*.  
earth, *tèrra* f.  
earthly, *terréstre* m. & f.  
easily, *facilmènte*.  
Easter, *Pásqua* f.  
easy, *fácile* m. & f.  
eat, to —, *mangiáre*.  
education, *educazióne* f.  
effeminacy, *effeminatèzza* f.  
effort, *sforzo* m. [*denza* f.  
effrontery, *sfrontatèzza*, *impu-egg*, *uóvo* m., pl. *le uóva*.  
Egypt, *Egitto* m.  
Egyptian, *egizio*, *egiziáno*,  
*d'Egitto*.  
eight, *óttó*.  
elder, *maggióre*, see *old*.  
elect, to —, *eleggere*, P. p. *elétto*.  
election, *elezióne* f.  
elegant, *elegánte* m. & f., —ly,  
*con elegánza*.  
eleven, *úndici*.  
eloquent, *eloquènte*.  
else, *áltro*.  
embarrass, to —, *imbarazzáre*.  
embrace, to —, *abbracciáre*.  
embroider, to —, *ricamáre*.  
emperor, *imperatóre* m.  
empire, *império* m.

end, *fine* m. & f., *ésito* m.; to —,  
*finire*.  
endeavour, to —, *ingegnársi*,  
*sforzársi*, *cercare*.  
enemy, *nemico* m.  
engaged, see *at stake*.  
England, *Inghiltèrra* f.  
English, *inglése* m. & f.  
enjoyment, *godimènto* m.  
enormous, *enórme* m. & f.  
enough, *abbastánza* (invar.).  
enrich, to —, *arricchire*.  
enter, to —, *entráre*; . . . an  
action, *procédere giudizial-  
mènte*.  
enterprise, *imprèsa* f.  
entirely, *intieramènte*.  
envy, *invidia* f.  
epic, *épico*, -a.  
epidemic, *epidemia* f.  
equal, *uguale*.  
equal, to —, *stimársi del pári*.  
erect, to —, *erigere*; Pass. rem.  
*eréssi*, P. p. *erétto*.  
esteem, the —, *stíma* f.  
esteem, to —, *stimáre*, *apprezzáre*.  
eternal, *etérno*, -a.  
Europe, *Európa* f.  
European, *européo*.  
even, *sino*, *ánche*.  
evening, *séra* f.  
event, *avvenimènto*, *accidènte* m.  
ever, *mái*; — since, *sèmpre*; for —,  
*per sèmpre*.  
every, *ógni* m. & f. (only used in  
the Sing.), every one, *ognúno*, -a.  
everybody, *ciaschedúno*, *ciascúno*.  
everywhere, *dappertútto*. [-a.  
evident, *evidènte* m. & f. *chiáro*, -a.  
examination, *esáme* m.  
exasperated, *accanito*, -a.  
excellent, *eccellènte* m. & f.  
excite, to —, *eccitáre*, to — sur-  
prise, *sorprendere*.  
excursion, *gita* f.  
execute, to —, *eseguire*.  
exertion, *sforzo* m., *fatica* f.  
exhibition, *esposizióne* f.  
exhort, to —, *ammonire*; *esor-  
táre*.  
exile, *esilio* m.  
existence, *esistèntza* f.  
expect, to —, *aspettàre*.

expectation, *aspettazione* f.  
 expense, *le spese*; at one's —, *alle spese di qdn.*  
 experience, *esperienza* f.  
 experiment, *sperimento* m.  
 expose, to —, *espôrre*.  
 express, to —, *esprimere*.  
 extricate, to —, *cavâre*.  
 eye, *occhio* m.

## F.

Fable, *favola* f.  
 fabrication, *fabbricazione* f.  
 face, *la faccia*; to face, *affrontare*.  
 fail, to —, *mancâre*.  
 faint-hearted, *codârdo*, *pauróso*, *pusillânime*. /-a.  
 fair (hair), *bióndo*, -a; (fine) *bello*,  
 faithful, *fedèle* m. & f.  
 fall, to —, *cadére*.  
 false, *falso*, -a.  
 family, *famiglia* f.  
 famous, *famóso*, -a.  
 far, *distânte* m. & f.; how — is it? *quanto c'è?*  
 farewell, *addio* (invar.).  
 fashion, *móda* f.  
 fast (tied), *arrandellâto*, -a.  
 fat, *grasso*, -a.  
 fate, *sórtè* f., *destino* m., *sven-túra* f.  
 father, *pádre* m.; — -in-law, *suócero* m.  
 fatigue, *fatica* f.  
 fault (moral), *difétto* m., (error) *erróre* m.; *sbáglío* m.; my —, *cólpa mia*.  
 favour, to —, *favorire*.  
 fear, to —, *temére*, *aver páura*.  
 fear, the —, *páura* f.  
 feed, to —, *nutrire*.  
 feeling, the —, *sentiménto*; a vague —, *un certo non so che*.  
 fellow, *uómo* m.  
 fertile, *fértile* m. & f.  
 festival, *féstà* f.  
 fetch, to —, *andâre a prendere*.  
 few, *póchi*, -e; a —, *alcúni*, -e.  
 field, *câmpo* m.  
 fight, the —, *lótta* f.  
 fight, to —, *combâttere*, *lottâre*.  
 fill, to —, *empire*, *riempire*; to

— his place, *coprire il suo pósto*.  
 find, to —, *trovâre*.  
 finally, *finalmente*.  
 fine, *béllò*, -a; (refined), *fino*, -a.  
 fire-arm, *ârma da fuóco* f.  
 firm, *férmo*, -a.  
 first, *primo*, -a, adj.; *prima*, adv.  
 fish, *pésce* m.  
 fit, to — (of a coat), *andâr bene*.  
 fitting, to be —, *convenire*.  
 flatter, to —, *lusingâre*.  
 flee, to —, *fuggire*.  
 fleet, *flóttà* f.  
 fling, *gettâre*.  
 florin, *florino* m.  
 flour, *farina* f.  
 flower, *fióre* m.  
 flush, *arrossire*.  
 fly, to —, *fuggire*.  
 follow, to —, *seguire*, *tenér diétro a qdn.*  
 follower, *partigiáno* m.  
 fond, to be —, *amâr molto*, *assái*.  
 foot, *piéde*, *piè* m.  
 footman, *sérco* m.  
 for, *per*; as —, *quanto a . . .*; (= because) *perchè*.  
 forbid, to —, *vietâre*.  
 force, *fórza*; by —, *per fórza*.  
 foreigner, *straniéro* (adj. & subst.).  
 forget, to —, *dimenticâre* (*dimenticârsi di*).  
 form, *fórma* f.  
 form, to —, *formâre*.  
 formerly, *altre volte*.  
 forth, *avânti* (when used with verbs, as: *to burst forth*, see these verbs).  
 fortnight, *quindici giòrni*.  
 fortress, *fortézza* f.  
 fortunate, *fortunâto*, -a.  
 fortune, *facoltà* f., *fortúna* f.  
 forty, *quarânta* pl. m. & f.  
 found, to —, *fondâre*.  
 fowl, *pollâstro* m.  
 fox, *vólpe* f.  
 France, *Frância* f.  
 Francis, *Francésco* m.  
 Frankfort, *Francosfórtè* (on the Maine, *sul Ménò*).  
 fray, *lótta*, *mischia*.  
 Frederic, *Federico*.

free, *libero*, -a; —ly, *francamente*.  
 freeze, to —, *gelare*.  
 French, *francese* m. & f.  
 Frenchman, *francese* m.  
 frequent, to —, *frequentare*.  
 fresh, *frasco*, -a, adv. *di nuovo*.  
 Friday, *Venerdì*.  
 friend, *amico*, -a.  
 friendship, *amicizia* f.  
 frog, *rana* f.  
 from, *da*.  
 fruit, *frutto* m., pl. *le frutta*.  
 fulfill, to —, *adempire*, *verificarsi*.  
 full, *pieno*, -a; at — length (see *length*).  
 fully, *perfettamente*, *intieramente* adv.  
 funds, *fondi* pl. m.  
 fur-cap, *berrétto* (m.) *di pelo*.  
 furnished, *mobigliato*, -a; *for-*  
*nito*, -a.

## G.

Gain, to —, *guadagnare*; to —  
 cause, *vincere la lite*.  
 garden, *giardino* m.  
 garment, *abito* m., *veste* f.  
 gate, *porta* f., *portone* m.  
 gee ho! *arri!*  
 general, the —, *generale* m.  
 generous, *generoso*, -a.  
 genius, *genio*; *ingegno* m.  
 Genoa, *Genova*.  
 Genoese, *genovese* m. & f.  
 gentle, *gentile*.  
 gentleman, *signore* m.  
 George, *Giorgio*.  
 German, the —, *Tedesco* m.  
 Germany, *Germania* f.  
 get, to — (see p. 320).  
 gift, *dono* m.  
 girl, *ragazza*, *fanciulla*, *zitella*,  
*giòvane*; the little . . . , *bimba* f.  
 give, to —, *dare*.  
 give back, *rendere*.  
 glad, *lieto*, -a; *allégro*, -a; to  
 be —, *rallegrarsi*, *godere*.  
 glass (for drinking), *bicchiere* m.,  
 (mat.) *vetro* m.  
 glazier, *vetraio* m.  
 glory, *gloria* f.  
 glove, *quánto* m.  
 go, to —, *andare*; to — out,

*uscire (di casa)*; to — away,  
*andarsene*.  
 God, *Dio* m.; (after a conson.)  
*Iddio* m. [*tardo*.]  
 Godard, geogr. Got(t)hard, *Got-*  
*goddess, Dea* f.  
 gold, *oro* m., (of gold) *d'oro*,  
 poet. *aureo*, -a.  
 gone, be — (see to be).  
 good, *buono*, -a.  
 goodness, *bontà* f.  
 gooseberry, *ribes* m., *uva spina* f.  
 government, *governo* m.  
 gracious, *grazioso*, -a; *clement*  
 m. & f.  
 grammar, *grammatica* f.  
 grandmother, *nonna*, *ava* f.  
 grapes, *uva* f.  
 gray, *grigio*, -a.  
 great, *grande* m. & f.; a — many,  
*molto*, -e. [adv.]  
 greatly, *molto*, *assai*, *grandemente*  
 greatness, *grandezza* f.  
 Greece, *Grécia* f.  
 Greek, *greco*, -a (see p. 211).  
 green, *verde*.  
 ground (earth), *terra* f. (bottom),  
*fondo* m.  
 grow, to —, *creocere*; to — f. i.  
 old etc., *divenire*, *diventare*.  
 guest, *ospite* m.  
 guide, *guida* f.  
 guilty, *colpevole*.

## H.

Habit, to have the —, *solere*, *usare*.  
 hair, *capello* m. (usually in the Pl.).  
 half, *métzo*, -a; by —, *a metà*.  
 hall, *sala* f.  
 hand, *mano* f.  
 handsome, *bello*, -a.  
 hang, to —, *pendere*; — full  
 of . . . , *essere pieno di*.  
 hanging down, *all'ingiù*.  
 happiness, *felicità* f.; *benesserem*.  
 happy, *felice* m. & f.  
 harbour, *porto* m.  
 hard, *duro*, -a; hard (words),  
*brusco*, -a.  
 harmony, *armonia* f.  
 hasten, to —, *affrettarsi*.  
 hat, *cappello* m.  
 hate, to —, *odiare*.

hatred, *ódio* m.  
 have (to), *avere*.  
 head, *cápo* m., *tèsta* f.; —ache, *mal di tèsta* m.  
 health, *salùte* f.  
 hear, to —, *sentire, udire, ascoltare* (see p. 320).  
 heart, *cuóre*; by —, *a mēte, a memòria*.  
 heaven, *ciélo, paradiso* (Dante) m.  
 heavy, *pesànte* m. & f.  
 Hebrew, *ebraico*, -a.  
 hedge, *siépe* f.; thorn —, *siépe* f.  
 height, *altézza, altúra* f.  
 hell, *inférno* m.  
 help, to —, *aiutare, soccorrere*.  
 Henry, *Enrico* m.  
 here, *qui*; — is (are), *ecco! c'è, vi è*.  
 heritage, *eredità* f., *retaggio* m.  
 hero, *eróe* m.  
 hesitate, to —, *esitare*.  
 hide, to —, *nascóndere, nascóndersi*.  
 high, *álto*, -a.  
 hill, *colle* m.  
 himself (acc.), *si*.  
 hinder, to —, *impedire*.  
 hint, to —, *accennare*; the hint, *(ac)cénno*.  
 historian, *stórico* m.  
 history, *stória* f.  
 hither, *qua*.  
 holiday, *fèsta* f.; —s, *racánza* f.  
 holy, *santo*, -a; the 3 — kings, *i tre Re mági*.  
 home, *a casa*.  
 home-grown, *nostrale*.  
 honest, *onesto*, -a.  
 honorary, *onorário* -a.  
 honour, the —, *onóre* m.  
 honour, to —, *onorare*.  
 hope, to —, *sperare*.  
 horrible, *orribile* m. & f.  
 horse, *cavállo* m.  
 horseback, on —, *a cavállo*.  
 hospitality, *ospitalità* f.  
 hot, *cáldo, caldissimo*.  
 hôtel, *albérgo, hôtel* m.  
 hour, *óra* f.  
 house, *cása* f.  
 how, *come?* — far, *quánto c'è?*  
 how long, *da quando; quanto tempo*.

however, *ma, però*; — (with adj. following), *per quánto*.  
 human, *umáno*, -a; — ly, *umana-mēte*.  
 humble, *devóto*, -a, *úmile*, to —, *avvilire*.  
 humiliate, to —, *umiliare*.  
 humor, *umóre* m.  
 hundredweight, *centináio* m.  
 hungry, to be —, *avér fame*.  
 hunt, to —, *cacciare*; the hunt, *caccia* f.  
 huntsman, *cacciátore* m.  
 husband, *marito* m.  
 hyena, *iéna* f.  
 hypocrite, *ipocríta* m. & f.

## I.

I, *io*.  
 Idea, *idéa* f., *pensiéro* m  
 ideal, *ideále*.  
 idle, *pigro*, -a.  
 if, *se*.  
 ignorant, *ignoránte* m. & f.  
 ill, *ammaláto*, -a.  
 illness, *malattia* f.  
 imagination, *immaginazione* f.  
 immense, *imménso*, -a.  
 immortal, *immortále* m. & f.  
 impart, to —, *confidare*.  
 important, *importánte* m. & f.  
 importune, to —, *importundare*.  
 impose, to —, *impórre* (irr.).  
 impostor, *ingannátore* m.  
 improve, to —, *emendársi*.  
 impudent, *impudénte* m. & f., *sfacciáto*, -a.  
 in, *in, fra*.  
 incivility, *inciviltà* f.  
 incredible, *incredibile* m. & f.  
 inculcate, to —, *inculcare*.  
 incur, to —, *attirársi*.  
 independence, *indipendénza* f.  
 inform, to —, *informare*.  
 ingenious, *di talénto*.  
 inhabitant, *abitánte* m.  
 injurious, *nocévole* m. & f.  
 injury, *ingiúria* f.  
 injustice, *ingiustizia* f.  
 ink, *inchióstro* m.  
 inkstand, *calamário* m.  
 innocent, *innocénte* m. & f.  
 inquire, after..., *domandare di...*

insipid, *insipido*, *sciocco*, -a.  
 inspire, to —, *inspirare*.  
 instruction, *istruzione* f.  
 instructive, *istruitivo*, -a.  
 intellect, *intelligenza* f.  
 intelligent, *intelligente* m. & f.  
 intelligibly, *intelligibilmente*.  
 intention, *intenzione* f.  
 inter, to —, *seppellire*.  
 into, *in*.  
 introduce, to —, *presentare*, *introdurre*.  
 invigorate, to —, *fortificare*.  
 invitation, *invito* m.  
 invite, to —, *invitare*.  
 iron, *ferro* m.  
 irreparable, *irreparabile* m. & f.  
 island, *isola* f.  
 it, *egli*, *ei*, *esso* (usually not translated).  
 Italian, *italiano*, -a.  
 itself, *sè* (acc.); *se stesso*.

## J.

James, *Giàcomo*.  
 Jane, *Giovanna* f.  
 Jersey, *Gersè* f.  
 Jerusalem, *Gerusalemme* f.  
 Jesus, *Gesù*.  
 jew, *ebreo* m.  
 jewel, *gioiello* m.  
 joiner, *falegnàme* m.  
 Joseph, *Giuseppe* m.  
 joy, *gioia* f.  
 Judæa, *Giudèa* f.  
 judge, *giudice* m.  
 July, *Luglio*.  
 Julius, *Giulio*.  
 jump, to —, *saltare*.  
 just, *giusto*, -a; —, *appunto*  
 — now, *giustamente*, *per l'appunto*.

## K.

Keep, to —, *tenere*.  
 kill, to —, *uccidere*.  
 kind, *benigno*, -a; *buono*, -a.  
 kindness, *gentilezza* f.  
 king, *re* m.  
 kingdom, *regno* m., *reame* m.  
 kiss, to —, *baciare*.  
 kitchen, *cucina* f.  
 knee, *ginocchio* m.; pl. *ginocchia*.

knife, *coltello* m.  
 knitting worsted, *lana da calze*.  
 know, to —, *sapere*, *conoscere*.

## L.

Laborious, *laborioso*, -a.  
 labour, *fatica* f.  
 laden, *càrico*, -a.  
 lady, *dama* f., *signora* f.; young —, *zitella* f.  
 lake, *lago* m.  
 lamb, *agnello* m.  
 lamp, *lampada* f.  
 Lampsacus, *Lansaco* m.; Lamp-sacian, *Lansaceno*, -a.  
 land, to —, *approdare*, *pigliar terra*.  
 land, the —, *il paese* m.  
 language, *lingua* f., *favèlla* f.  
 languish, to —, *languire*.  
 large, *grande* m. & f.  
 last, *ultimo*, -a; *scorso*, -a; at —, *alla fine*.  
 late (dead), *fu* (invar.); adv. *tardi*.  
 lately, *ultimamente*, *poco fa*.  
 laugh, to —, *ridere*; to — at, *deridere*, *burlarsi di*...  
 laughter, *il riso* m., pl. *le risa*.  
 laurel, *lauro* m.  
 law, *legge* f.  
 lawsuit, *processo* m. [*sùlto* m.  
 lawyer, *avvocato* m., *giurecon-*  
 lead, the —, *piombo* m.  
 lead, to —, *condurre*.  
 leaf, *foglia* f.  
 learn, to —, *imparare*.  
 learned, *dotto*, -a.  
 leave, to —, *lasciare*, *abbandonare*.  
 lecture, *lettura* m.  
 leg, *gamba* f.  
 lend, to —, *prestare*.  
 less, *méno* adv.  
 lesson, *lezione* f.  
 let, to —, *lasciare* (with the verb, to let is transl. by the Imperat.).  
 letter, *lettera* f.; letter-paper, *carta da lettera*.  
 levity, *leggerèzza* f.  
 Lewis, *Luigi*, *Lodovico*.  
 liar, *bugiardo* m.  
 liberty, *libertà* f.

library, *biblioteca*, *libreria* f.  
 lie, the —, *bugia* f.  
 lie, to —, *giacere* (irr.); (to tell lies) *mentire*.  
 lieutenant, *luogotenente*, *tenente*.  
 life, *vita* f.  
 light, *luce* f.; adj. *leggiéro*, -a.  
 light-house, *fanale* m.  
 lightning, *lampo* m.  
 like, adv. *cóme*, *al pári di* . . .  
*siccome*.  
 like, to —, *amére*.  
 linen, *téla* f., *biancheria*; to change —, *cambiar la camicia*.  
 linen-press, *armadio da bianche-linguistic*, *di lingua*. [*ria* m.]  
 lion, *leone* m.  
 Lisbon, *Lisbóna*.  
 listen, to —, *ascoltáre*, *badáre*.  
 little (small), *piccolo*, -a; (not much) *póco*, -a; a little, *un poco di* . . .  
 live, to —, *vivere* (irr.); (to reside) *star di casa*, *abitáre*, *alloggiáre*, *dimoráre*.  
 load, to —, *caricáre*.  
 loaded, *cárico*, -a.  
 Lombardy, *Lombardia*.  
 London, *Lóndra* f.  
 long, *lungo*, -a; no longer, *non più* —; adv. *lungo tempo*.  
 look, to —, *guardáre*, *riguardare*; to — angry, *aver l'aria burbera*; to — for, *cercáre*.  
 looking-glass, *spécchio* m.  
 lose, to —, *pérdere* (irr.).  
 loss, *pérdita* f.  
 loud, *álto*, -a; adv. *ad alta voce*.  
 love, to —, *amére*.  
 low, *básso*, -a.  
 lowing, the —, *belamento* m.  
 Lusiade, *Luslada* f.  
 luxury, *lússu* m.

## M.

Madam, *Signóra* f.  
 maid of Saragossa, *la donzella di Saragozza*.  
 magazine, *magazzíno* m.  
 magnanimous, *magnánimo*, -a.  
 magnet, *calamita* f.  
 magnificence, *magnificénza* f.

magnificent, *magnífico*, -a.  
 majestic, *maestóso*, -a.  
 Majesty, *Maestà* f.  
 make, *fáre*, *réndere*; to — know, *palesáre*.  
 man, *uómo* m.  
 man-o'-war, *corazzáta* f.  
 manage, to —, *maneggiáre*.  
 mankind, *l'umanità* f.  
 manner, *maniera* f., *costúme* m.  
 many, *mólti*, -e; how —? *quánti*, -e? so —, *tanti*, -e; as — as, *tanti* (-e) — *quanti* (e); — a, *più d'un* (d'una).  
 marchioness, *marchesa* f.  
 mare, *giumenta* f.  
 maritime, *marittimo*, -a.  
 Marius, *Mário*.  
 marquis, *marchése* m.  
 marry, to —, *sposáre*; to be —ied, *maritársi*.  
 marshal, *maresciallo* m.  
 Mary, *María*.  
 master, *padróne* m.; *signóre* m., to make oneself — of, *impadronirsi di* . . .; (= teacher) *maestro* m.  
 match, *zolfanéllo*, *fulminánte* m.  
 matter, *faccénda* f.  
 may (aux. verb. is always expressed by the Subj. Mood of the verb it is used with).  
 mayor, *maggióre*.  
 means, *métzo* m.; by no —, *in verún módo*.  
 measure, *misúra* f.  
 medicine, *medicina* f.  
 meet, to —, *incontráre*; to go to —, *andáre*, *incontro a* . . .  
 melody, *melodia* f.  
 member, *mémbro* m., pl. *le mémbra* f.  
 mend, to —, *corréggere* (irr.).  
 merchant, *mercánte*.  
 mercy, *grázia* f.; to have mercy, *avére pietà*.  
 mere, *méro*, -a; this adj. is frequently rendered by the adverbs *solamente*, *non — che*, *non — se non — che*.  
 merit, *mérito* m.  
 merry, *allégro*, -a.  
 messenger, *messaggéro* m.

middle, *mezzo* m.; in the —, *in mezzo*, -a . . .  
 midnight, *mezzanotte* f.  
 midst, in the —, *in mezzo*, -a . . ., *nel mezzo* di . . .  
 mighty, *potente* m. & f.  
 Milan, *Milano*.  
 mile, *miglio* m., pl. *le miglia*.  
 milk, *latte* m.  
 milliner, *crestia* f.  
 mind, *spirito* m.  
 minister, *ministro* m.  
 miracle, *miracolo* m.  
 mischief, *danno* m.  
 miser, *avaro* m.  
 miserable, *misero*, -a, *miserabile* m. & f.  
 misfortune, *disgrazia* f.  
 Miss, *signorina*, *madamigella* f.  
 miss, to —, *mandare*.  
 mist, *nebbia* f.  
 moderation, *moderazione* f.  
 modern, *moderno*, -a; *odierno*, -a.  
 modest, *modesto*, -a.  
 modesty, *modestia* f.  
 moment, *momento* m.  
 monarch, *monarca* m.  
 Monday, *Lunedì* m.  
 money, *danaro* m.  
 month, *mese* m.  
 monument, *monumento* m.  
 more, *più*.  
 morning, *mattina* f.; in the —, (*di della*) *mattina*.  
 mosque, *moschea* f.  
 most, *il più*; — men etc., *la maggior parte degli uomini* etc.  
 mostly, *per lo più*.  
 mother, *madre* f.  
 motion, *moto* m., *movimento* m.  
 move, to —, *muovere*, *commovere*.  
 Mr., *signor* m.\*)  
 much, *molto*, -a, adj.; *molto* (inv.) adv.; how —, *quanto*, as — as, *tanto — quanto*.  
 Munich, *Mónaco di Baviera*.

murder, to —, *assassinare*.  
 murderer, *omicida*, *assassino* m.  
 music, *musica* f.  
 Mussulman, *Musulmano* m.  
 must, I, he etc. —, transl. by the impersonal verb *bisognare*.  
 myself, Nom. *io stesso*, *io medesimo*, Acc. *me*.

## N.

Name, the —, *nóme* m.  
 name, to —, *nominare*.  
 Naples, *Nápoli*.  
 Napoleon, *Napoleone* m.  
 nation, *nazione* f.  
 native, *nativo*, -a; *natio*, -a; — town, *patria* f.  
 near, *vicino*, a . . . (*di*); *préso*.  
 nearly, *quasi*, *per poco*.  
 necessary, *necessario*, -a.  
 neck, *collo* m.  
 need, to —, *occorrere* (a qdn.).  
 neglect, to —, *negligere*, *trascurare*.  
 negotiations, *le trattative*.  
 neighbour, *vicino*, -a; *próssimo*, -a.  
 neither — nor, *nè — nè*.  
 Netherlands, *Paesi Bassi* pl. m.  
 never, *non — mai*.  
 nevertheless, *nulladiméno*, *ciò nonostante*.  
 new, *nuovo*, -a.  
 New York, *Nuova York*.  
 news, *nuova* f.; to bring —, *recare nuovo*.  
 newspaper, *gazzetta* f., *giornale* m.  
 next, *próssimo*, -a; the — day, *il giorno seguente* (dopo).  
 nice, *leggiadro*, *gentile*, *garbato*; a — predicament, *un bell'imbarazzo*.  
 niece, *nipote* f.  
 night, *notte* f.  
 nightingale, *usignolo* m.

\*) Italians invariably use "Signor" before a name (surname or Christian name), and "Signore", when there is no name following, as: *Signor Roberto*, *Signor Manzoni*; but: no, Sir! = *no*, *Signore!* — Since "Mr." is always followed by a name, it should be rendered by "Signor", as: Mr. Gladstone, *Signor Gladstone*; Mr. Charles, *Signor Carlo*.

no, *no*; — man etc., *nessùn uòmo* etc.

noble, *nòbile* m. & f.

nobody *nessùno*, -a; *niùno*, -a.

noise, *rumóre* m., *fracàsso* m., *baccàno* m.

none (usually tr. by *non* — *ne*).

nose, *nàso* m.

not, *non*.

nothing, *non* — *niénte* (nulla).

notice, *notìzia* f.

novel-writing, *letteratúra roman-zésca*.

now, *adésso*, adv.

nun, *mónaca* f.

nymph, *nínfa* f.

### O.

Oath, *giuraménto* m., to take —, *far giuraménto*.

obey, to —, *ubbidíre*.

oblige, to —, *obbligáre*.

obscure, *oscúro*, -a; *brúno*, -a; *sconosciúto*, -a.

observe, to —, *osserváre*.

obtain, to —, *ottenére*.

occasion, *occasione* f.

occupation, *occupazione* f.

occupy, to —, *occupáre*.

odious, *odíoso*, -a.

offend, to —, *offéndere*.

officer, *uffiziále* m.

official, *uffiziále* m.

often, *spéssso*, *sovènte*.

oil, *ólio* m.

old, *técchio*, -a; *antico*, -a; to be 20 etc. years old (*avere—anni*).

on, *su*, *sópra*, -a; — Friday, *Venerdì*.

one, *un*, *úno*, *úna*; — has, can etc. (see the *Passive voice*).

only, *soltánto*, *solaménte*; adj. *sólo*, -a.

open, to —, *apríre*.

opera, *ópera* f.; — tune, *ária* (*d'un' ópera*) f.

opinion, *opiníone* f.

opportunity, *opportunità*; *occasione* f.

oppress, to —, *opprimere* (irr.).

or & o, *oppúre*.

oracle, *orácolo* m.

orator, *oratóre* m.

order, the —, *órdine* m.; in — to . . ., *per*.

order, to —, *comandáre*, *ordináre*, *prescrivere*; — to be made, *far fare*.

Oriental, *orientále* m. & f.

origin, *origine* f.

orphan, *órfano* m.; — house (asylum), *orfanotrófo*, *casa degli órfani*.

ostrich, *strúzzo* m.

other, *áltro*, -a.

ought, usually transl. by the Cond. of *dovére*.

out, *fuóri*; to go —, *uscire*.

over, *sópra*, *sóvra*; to reign —, *regnare in* . . .

overbearing, *supérbo*, *orgoglióso*, -a.

overwhelmed, *fuóri di sè*.

owe, to —, *dovére*.

own, *próprio*, -a.

ox, *búe* (*buói*) m.

### P.

Pack, to —, *affastelláre*, *giacére*.

pain, *péna* f.; to take pains, *dársi*, *péna*, *ingegnársi*.

paint, to —, *pingere*.

painter, *pittóre* m.

pair, *páio* m., *cóppia* f.

palace, *palázso* m.

pale, *pállido*, -a; to turn —, *impallidíre*.

paper, *cárta* f.

pardon, to —, *perdonáre*.

parents, *genitóri* m.

parental, *patérno*, -a.

Paris, *Parigi* m.

part, *párte* f.; to take —, *prénder*, *párte*, *assistere*.

partake, to —, *partecipáre*; *préndere* *párte* (a).

pass, to —, *passáre*; *fare*, *succédere*.

passage, *pásso* m.

passion, *passíone* f.

passionate, *appassionáto*, -a.

patron, *patróno* m.

Paul, *Páolo* m.

pay, to —, *pagáre*; to — a visit, *andáre a trováre*; the p., *paga* f.



- peace, *pace* f.  
 peaceable, *aliéno dalle risse*.  
 peasant, *contadino* m.  
 pell-mell, *alla rinfusa*.  
 pen, *pénna* f.  
 pencil, *lápís* m.; *matita* f.  
 penetrate, to —, *penetráre*; to be —d, *essere compréso di* . . .  
 people, *la gènte*; (= one) see the *Passive voice*; (nation) *nazione* f.; *pópolo* m.; young —, *gioventù* f. [*gersi*.]  
 perceive, to —, *osserváre*; accor-  
 perfectness, *perfezione* f.  
 perish, to —, *perire*.  
 persecute, to —, *perseguitáre*.  
 person, *persóna* f.  
 persuasion, *persuasione*, *convin-*  
*zione* f.  
 Pharaoh, *Faraóne* m.  
 Philadelphia, *Filadélfia*.  
 philosopher, *filósofo* m.  
 Phœnicia, *Fenicia* f.  
 Phrygia, *Frigia* f.  
 physician, *médico* m.  
 pick, to —, *beccáre*.  
 picture, *quádro* m.  
 piece, *pézzo* m.; (a whole — of  
 cloth) *pézza* f.  
 piece, master —, *capolaróro* m.  
 pious, *pío*; *timoráto di Dio*.  
 pistol, *pistóla* f.  
 pitch, *ápice* m.  
 pity, to —, *aver compassiône*, *com-*  
*piángere*.  
 pity, it is a —, *è peccáto*.  
 place, the —, *luógo* m., *pósto* m.  
 place, to —, *méttere*.  
 plague, *péste* f.  
 plaintive, *lamentévole*.  
 plan, *progéttó* m.  
 plan, to —, *progettáre*.  
 planet, *pianéta* m.  
 plant, the —, *piánta* f.  
 plant, to —, *piantáre*.  
 play, to —, *giuocáre* (music),  
*suonáre*; . . . the pl., *gióco* m.  
 please, to —, *piacére*.  
 pleasure, *piacére* m.  
 plunder, to —, *saccheggiáre*.  
 plunge, to —, in specul., *pédersi*  
*in ispeculazióni*; to — into the  
 water, *gettársi nell'acqua*.  
 poem, *poéma* m., *poesia* f.  
 poet, *poéta* m.  
 point, *púnto* m.; on the —, *in*  
*procinto di* . . .; to be on the  
 —, *stare, per* . . .  
 polite, *garbáto*, -a.  
 Polynices, *Polintce* m.  
 poor, *póvero*, -a; the — (pl.), *i*  
*póveri*.  
 poplar, *pióppo* m.  
 porter, *portindio* m.  
 portefeuille, *taccuino* m., *porta-*  
*fóglío* m.  
 portrait, *ritrátto* m.  
 Portugal, *Portogállo* m.  
 possession, *posséso* m., to take  
 —, *impadronirsi di* . . .  
 possible, *possibile* m. & f.  
 post (situation), *pósto* m.; (office),  
*pósta* f.  
 pot, *pignátta* f., *péntola* f., flower  
 —, *váso da* . . .  
 pound, *libbra* f.  
 poverty, *povertà* f.  
 power, *potére* m.  
 praise, to —, *vantáre*, *lodáre*.  
 praiseworthy, *lodévole*.  
 prattle, *chiacchierto* m.  
 prayer, *preghiera* f.  
 predicament, *imbarázso* m.  
 prefer, to —, *preferire*.  
 presence, *presénza* f.  
 present, to —, *presentáre*.  
 present, the —, *dóno* m., *re-*  
*gálo* m.  
 presentiment, *presentiménto* m.  
 preserve, to —, *preserváre*, *con-*  
*serváre*.  
 president, *presidénte* m.  
 pretend, to —, *preténdere*, *far*  
*sembiánte di* . . .  
 prevented, *impedito*, -a; *tratte-*  
*núto*, -a.  
 pride, *orgoglio* m., *glória* f.  
 prince, *príncipe* m.  
 princess, *principessa* f.  
 principle, *principio* m., *mássima* f.  
 printer, *stampatóre* m.  
 probable, *probábile*.  
 proceed, to —, *procédere* (irr.).  
 procure, to —, *prodúrre*, *creáre*,  
*far nascere*.  
 production, *prodóttó* m.

profit, to —, *approfittare, prevalersi*.  
 promenade, to —, *passeggiare*.  
 promise, to —, *promettere*.  
 promise, the —, *promessa* f.  
 pronounce, to —, *pronunciare*.  
 pronunciation, *pronuncia* f.  
 proposal, *proposizione* f., *proposta* f.  
 propose, to —, *proporre, proporsi*.  
 proscribe, to —, *proscrivere*.  
 prosperity, *prosperità* f.  
 protect, to —, *proteggere*.  
 protector, *protettore* m.  
 protest, to —, *protestare*.  
 proud, *fiéro, -a*; to be —, *gloriarsi*.  
 prove, to —, *provare*.  
 proverb, *proverbio* m.  
 provide, to —, *provvedere*.  
 province, *provincia* f.  
 punctual, *puntuale*.  
 punish, to —, *punire, castigare*.  
 pupil, *scolare, -a*; *allievo, -a*.  
 purgatory, *purgatorio* m.  
 purpose, for that —, *a tal uopo*.  
 purse, *borsa* f.  
 put, to —, *mettere*.  
 pyramid, *piramide* f.

## Q.

Queen, *regina, reina* f.  
 question, *questione* f.  
 quickly, *presto*.  
 quiet, *tranquillo, -a*; *cheto, -a*.  
 quite, *affatto, intieramente*.  
 Quixote, *Chisciotte* m.

## R.

Railroad, *strada ferrata* f., *ferrovia* f.  
 rain, the —, *pioggia* f.  
 rain, to —, *piovere*.  
 rainy, *piovoso, -a*.  
 raise, to —, *levare, alzare*.  
 Raphael, *Raffaello* m.  
 rare, *raro, -a*.  
 rate, at any —, *in ogni caso*.  
 reach, to —, *raggiungere, toccare*.  
 read, to —, *leggere*.

reading book, *libro di lettura*.  
 ready, *pronto, -a*.  
 really, *veramente*.  
 reap, to —, *miettare*.  
 reason, *ragione, causa* f., *motivo* m.  
 reasonable, *ragionevole* m. & f.  
 receive, to —, *ricevere, accettare*.  
 recollect, to —, *ricordarsi*.  
 recommend, to —, *raccomandare*.  
 reconcile, to —, *riconciare*.  
 recovery, *convalescenza* f.  
 red, *rosso, -a*.  
 re-enter, *rientrare*.  
 reflection, *riflessione* f.  
 refuse, to —, *ricusare*.  
 regard, to —, *riguardare, spettare*.  
 regard, the —, *riguardo* m.  
 regular, *regolare* m. & f.  
 regulate, *regolare*.  
 regulated, *regolato, -a*.  
 Regulus, *Régolo*.  
 reign, to —, *regnare*.  
 rejoice, to —, *rallegrarsi*.  
 relation, *parente* m. & f.; *relazione* f.  
 relieve (a sentinel), *cambiare*.  
 remember, to —, *ricordarsi*.  
 remit, *rimettere, smettere*.  
 remove, to —, *rimuovere, allontanare*.  
 render, to —, *rendere*.  
 repair, to —, *rammendare, riparare*.  
 repeat, to —, *ripetere*.  
 repent, to —, *pentirsi*.  
 reproach, the —, *rimprovero* m.  
 reputation, *reputazione* f.  
 republic, *repubblica* f.  
 request, to —, *chiedere*.  
 request, the —, *preghiera* f.  
 requisite, *necessario, -a*.  
 resemble, to —, *rassomigliare, assomigliare*.  
 residence, *residenza*; *sede* f.  
 resolution, *risoluzione* f.  
 resolve, to —, *risolvere, risolversi*.  
 respect, *rispetto* m.  
 respectful, *rispettoso, -a*.  
 responsibility, *responsabilità* f.  
 result, the —, *risultato, esito* m.  
 retain, to —, *sostenere, tenere*.  
 retire, to —, *ritirare*.

retract, to —, *smentire*.  
 return, to —, *ritornare*.  
 return, the —, *il ritorno* m.  
 revenge, to —, *vendicare*.  
 reward, to —, *ricompensare*.  
 Rhenish, *del Reno*.  
 rib, *còscia* f.  
 ribbon, *nàstro* m.  
 rich, *ricco*, -a.  
 riches, *ricchezza* f.  
 rid, to get —, *liberarsi di* . . . ,  
*distaccarsi di* . . .  
 ridicule, to —, *burlarsi di* . . .  
 right, *déstro*, -a; to be —, *aver ragione*.  
 ring, *anèllo* m.  
 ripe, *maturo*, -a.  
 river, *fiume* m.  
 road, *stràda* f.  
 rob, to —, *rubare*; to — anyb.  
 of smth., *privare di* . . .  
 robber, *ladrone* m.  
 rock, *rócca* f., *riùpe* f.  
 roll, to —, *rotolare*, *avvoltolare*.  
 Roman, *romàno*, -a.  
 room, *stànza*, *càmera* f.  
 root, to — out, *sterminare*, *estirpare*, *sradicare*.  
 round, *rotòndo*, -a; — about, *all'intorno*; to turn — to, *voltarsi verso*.  
 royal, *reale* m. & f.  
 rub, to —, *fregare*.  
 ruin, the —, *rovina* f.; to fall to —, *andare in rovina*.  
 ruin, to —, *rovinare*, *distruggere*.  
 run, to —, *córrere*; to the — risk, *córrere rischio*; to — together, *accórrere*.  
 Russia, *Rússia* f

## S.

Sacred, *sàcro*, -a.  
 sacrifice, to —, *sacrificare*.  
 sacrifice, the —, *sacrifizio* m.  
 sad, *tristo*, -a.  
 saddle, *sèlla*, f.  
 sail, to —, *far vela*; . . . down, *discendere*.  
 sailor, *marinaio* m.  
 sake, for the —, *per*.

same, *stésso*, -a; *medésimo*, -a; all the —, *tutt' uno*.  
 satisfied, *soddisfatto*, *conténto*, -a.  
 satisfy, to —, *soddisfare*.  
 Saturday, *Sabato*.  
 Saviour, *Salvatóre* m.  
 say, to —, *dire*.  
 Saxony, *Sassónia* f.  
 scaffold, *impalcatura* f., *pónte* m., *pálco*, *patibolo* m.  
 scare away, to —, *fugare*.  
 school, *scuòla* f.  
 schoolfellow, *compàgno* m., *cameráta*, *di sc.*  
 science, *sciéncia* f. (natural sc. . . *scienze naturáli* pl.).  
 scissors, *fórbici* f.  
 sculptor, *scultóre* m.  
 season, *stagione* f.  
 seat, *séde* f.  
 seated, *assiso*, -a; be —, *s'accómodi!*  
 secret, adj. *secréto*, -a; the —, *secreto* m.  
 secretary, *segretário*.  
 see, to —, *vedere*.  
 seek, to —, *cercare*.  
 seem, to —, *parére*, *sembrare*.  
 seize, to —, *prendere*, *afferrare*.  
 seldom, *raramente*, *di rado*.  
 sell, to —, *vendere*.  
 send, to —, *mandare*.  
 sentence, *senténza* f.  
 sentinel, *sentinèlla* f.  
 sergeant, *sergente* m.  
 serious, *sério*, -a.  
 servant, *servitóre* m.  
 serve, to —, *servire*.  
 service, *servizio* m.  
 session, *sedúta* f.  
 set out, to —, *partire*.  
 seven, *sétte*.  
 several, *parécchi*, -ie; *alcúni*, -e.  
 severity, *severità* f.  
 set, to — out, *partire per*.  
 shadow, *ómbra* f.  
 shake, to —, *stringere*.  
 shall, I — etc., translated by the Future Tense.  
 shame, *vergógna* f.  
 shape, *fórma* f.  
 shave, to —, *radare*; *far la bárba*.

- sheet, *lenzuolo* m.; sheet of paper, *foglio di c.*  
 shield-barrer, *scudiéro* m.  
 ship, *nave* f., *bastimento* m.  
 shipwreck, *naufragio* m.  
 shirt, *camicia* f.  
 shoe, *scarpa* f.  
 shoe-maker, *calzolaio* m.  
 shore, *spiaggia* f.  
 short, *corto*, -a; *brève* m. & f.  
 show, to —, *mostrare*.  
 shut, to —, *chiudere*.  
 Sicily, *Sicilia*.  
 sick, *ammalato*, -a.  
 sigar, *sigaro* m.  
 signification, *significato* m.  
 silence, *silenzio* m.  
 silly, *stupido*, -a.  
 silver, *argento*; — adj. *d'argento*; poet. *argenteo*.  
 simple, *semplice* m. & f.  
 since, *chè*, *dacchè*.  
 sing, to —, *cantare*.  
 singer, *cantatore* m., -trice f.  
 single, *solo*, -a.  
 singular, *singolare* m. & f.  
 sink, to —, *declinare*.  
 sinner, *peccatore*; old covetous —, *avaraccio* m.  
 sister, *sorella* f.  
 sit, to —, *sedere*, *sedersi*.  
 situation, *situazione* f.; (place, office) *pósto* m.  
 skilful, *abile* m. & f.  
 slave, *schiavo* m.  
 slavery, *schiavitù* f.  
 sleep, the —, *sonno* m.  
 sleep, to —, *dormire*.  
 slender, *sciolto*, *svolto*, -a.  
 slight, *piccolo*, -a; — est, *ménomo*, -a.  
 slipper, *pantofola* f.  
 slow, *lento*, -a.  
 small, *piccolo*, -a.  
 smell, the —, *odore* m.  
 smoke, to —, *fumare*.  
 snatch, to — away, *portar via*, *uccidere*.  
 so, *così*; — and —, *tale e tale*.  
 sober, *sobrio*, -a.  
 society, *società* f.  
 sofa, *sofà* m.  
 sojourn, *soggiorno* m.  
 soldier, *soldato* m.  
 some, *alcuno*, -a; see: the Genit. part.  
 something, *qualcossà*.  
 son, *figlio*, *figliuolo* m.  
 song, *canzone* f.  
 songstress, *cantatrice* f.  
 soon, *tosto*, *fra poco*; as — as possibile, *quánto prima*.  
 Sophia, *Sofia*.  
 Sophocles, *Sófocle* m.  
 sorrow, *tristezza* f.  
 sorry, *tristo*, -a; I am —, *mi spiace*, *mi rincresce*.  
 soul, *ánima* f.  
 soup, *zuppa* f.; *minestra* f.  
 sour, *ágro*, -a; *ácido*, -a.  
 sow, to —, *seminare*.  
 space, *spazio* m.  
 Spain, *Spágna* f., (after a consonant) *Ispágna* f.  
 Spanish, *Spagnuolo*, -a; *di Spágna*.  
 speak, to —, *parlare*, *dire*.  
 spectacles, *occhiali* m. pl.  
 speculation, *speculazione* f.  
 spend, to —, *passare*, *spendere*.  
 spoil, to —, *guastare*.  
 spoon, *cucchiaio* m.  
 sportsman, *cacciatore* m.  
 spring, *primavera* f.  
 spy, *spia* f.  
 square, *quadrato*, -a; the —, *piazza* f.  
 stand, to —, *stare*.  
 stairs, *scala*, *scalétta* f.  
 stanza, *strofa* f.  
 star, *stella* f.  
 state, *stato* m.  
 state, to —, *ordinare*, *stabilire*.  
 station, *stazione* f.  
 steamer, *vapore* m.  
 steal, to —, *rubare*.  
 steel, *acciaio* m.  
 steep, *érto*, -a.  
 steeple, *campanile* f.  
 step, *vestigio* m.  
 stick, the —, *bastone* m.  
 still, adv. *ancóra*.  
 stitch, to —, *ricamare*.  
 stocking, *cálza* f.  
 stomach, *stomaco* m.  
 stop, to —, *fermare*.  
 storm, *tempesta* f., *burrasca* f.

- story, *stória* f.  
 straw, *páglia* f.  
 street, *stráda*, *contráda* f.  
 strict, *sevéro*, -a; (— truth) *strétto*, -a; *rigoróso*, -a.  
 strong, *fórte* m. & f.  
 study, the —, *stúdio* m.; to —, *studiáre*.  
 stupid, *stúpido*, -a.  
 subdued, to —, *soggiogáre*.  
 subject, *soggettó*, -a.  
 succeed, to —, *succédere*, *riuscíre* (with *essere*).  
 suffer, to —, *soffríre*; *perméttre*.  
 suffice, to —, *bastáre*.  
 sufficient, *sufficiénte* m. & f.  
 sugar, *zúcchero* m.  
 sum, *sómma* f.  
 sup, to —, *cenáre*. [-a.  
 supercilious, *supérbo*, *orgoglióso*,  
 superstition, *superstizióne* f.  
 supper, *céna* f.  
 support, the —, *appóggio* m.  
 sure, *sicúro*, -a; —ly, *sicura-  
 ménte*.  
 surprise, the —, *sorprésa* f.  
 surprise, to —, *sorpréndere*.  
 surround, to —, *circondáre*, *in-  
 chiúdere*.  
 survive, to —, *sopravvivere*.  
 sustenance, *sostentaménto*.  
 swallow, *róndine* f.; to —, *in-  
 goidre*.  
 swan, *cigno* m.  
 swear, to —, *giuráre*.  
 Swedish, *Svedése*, *di Svèzia*.  
 sweet, *dólce* m. & f., *dolcézza* f.  
 swift, *velóce*, *rapído*; swiftness,  
*velocità*, *rapidità* f.  
 swim, to —, *nuotáre*, *galleggiáre*.  
 swindler, *truffatóre*.  
 Switzerland, *la Scízzerá*.  
 sword, *spáda* f.  
 symbol, *simbolo* m.  
 syrup, *sciróppo* m.
- T.**
- Table, *távola* f.  
 take, to —, *prendere* irr.; to —  
 place, *aver luógo*; to — smthg.  
 to smbd., *portáre*; to — posses-  
 sion, *impadronirsi*; to — the  
 part of, *favoríre la parte di* . . .  
 to — up, *rialzáre*; to — off,  
*caváre*.  
 tale, *raccónto* m.  
 talk, to —, *parláre* (to chat);  
*ciarláre*, *chiacchieráre*.  
 Tancred, *Tancredi* m.  
 tarry, to —, *tardáre*.  
 taste, the —, *gústo* m.  
 tavern, *tavérna* f.  
 taylor, *sárto* m.  
 tea, *tè* m.  
 teach, to —, *insegnáre*.  
 teacher, *maéstro* m.  
 tedious, *tedióso*, -a; *noióso*, -a.  
 tell, to —, *diré*; I am told, *mi  
 si dice*.  
 temple, *témpio* m.  
 terminus (railway —), *stazióne* f.  
 terrestrial, *terréstro*, -a.  
 terrible, *terribile* m. & f.  
 than, *che*. See on the *Adjective*.  
 that, conj. *che*.  
 Theban, *Tebáno* m.  
 their, *lóro* m. & f.  
 then, *allóra*; now and —, *di  
 tempo in tempo*.  
 there, *là*, *colà*; — is, *vi (ci) è*.  
 therefore, *quíndi*, *laónde*, *perciò*.  
 they, *églino*, *essi* m.; *élleno*, *esse*  
 f.; — who, *quelli (quelle) che* . . .  
 thief, *ladro* m.  
 thing, *cósa* f.  
 think, to —, *pensáre*.  
 thirsty, to be —, *aver séte* f.  
 this, *questo*, -a.  
 thorn, *spína* f.  
 thorn-hedge, *rovéto* m.  
 though, *benchè*, *abbenchè*.  
 thought, the —, *pensiéro* m.  
 thoughtless, *spensieráto*, -a.  
 thousand, *mille*, pl. *mila*.  
 threaten, to —, *minacciáre*.  
 throne, *tróno* m.  
 throng, to —, *affollársi*.  
 through, *per*.  
 throughout, *intieraménte*; — the  
 whole year, *da un ánno al-  
 l'altro*.  
 throw, to —, *gettáre*.  
 thunder, the —, *tuóno* m.  
 thunder, to —, *tuonáre*.  
 thunderstorm, *burrásca* f.

thus, *così, in tal maniera*.  
 tie, to —, *legàre*.  
 till, *chè, finchè*.  
 time, *témpo* m., this —, *questa vólta*.  
 tired, *stáncò, -a*.  
 title, *títolo* m.  
 to, *a, ad; in*.  
 to-day, *óggi*.  
 together, *insiéme*; to turn —, *accórrere*.  
 token, *indízio, ségno* m.  
 to-morrow, *dománi*; — morning, *domán mattína, domattína*.  
 too, *tróppo*; I —, *ánch'io*.  
 tooth, *dénte* m.; —ache, *mal di denti*.  
 towards, *vérsò (di)*.  
 town, *città* f.  
 townhall, *municipio* m.  
 toy, *giuocátolo* m.  
 trace, *tráccia* f.  
 train, *tréno* m.  
 translation, *traduzióne* f.  
 travel, the —, *viággio* m.  
 travel, to —, *viaggiàre*.  
 treasure, *tesóro* m.  
 treat, to —, *trattàre*.  
 tree, *álbero* m.  
 tremble, to —, *tremàre*.  
 tribute, the —, *tribúto* m.  
 troop, *trúppa* f.  
 trot, *a . . .*; *al tróto*; to —, *trottàre*.  
 Troy, *Tróia* f.  
 true, *véro, -a*.  
 trust, to —, *fidàrsi dié . . .*  
 truth, *verità* f.  
 try, *cercàre, provàre, far di maniera che . . .*  
 tulip, *tulipáno* m.  
 tumult, *tumúto* m.  
 tune, *ária* f. (manner of speaking), *tóno; tenóre* m.  
 Turk, *Túrco* m.  
 Turkey, *Turchia* f.  
 turn, to —, *voltàre, vólgere*; to — pale, *impallidire*.  
 tutor, *tutóre* m.  
 twice, *due vólte*.  
 tyrant, *tiránno* m.  
 Tyrian, *Tírio* m.  
 Tyrus, *Tíro* f.

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## U.

Umbrella, *ombrélla* f.  
 uncle, *zio* m.  
 uncover, to —, *svelàre*.  
 ugly, *brútto, -a*.  
 under, *sóto*.  
 understand, to —, *capìre*.  
 undertake, to —, *intrapréndere, ardìre*.  
 unerring, *infallibile*.  
 unfortunate, *sfortunáto, -a*.  
 unfortunately, *sfortunataménte, per disgrázia*.  
 ungrateful, *ingrátò, -a*.  
 unhappy, *infelíce* m. & f.  
 unite, to —, *unìre, riunìre*.  
 unity, *unità* f.  
 universe, *univérso* m.  
 unless, *a méno che . . .*  
 unmask, to —, *smascheràre*.  
 up, *su*.  
 upon, *su, sópra*; to draw —, *attiràre a . . .*  
 upright, *dritto, -a*; *in piédi*.  
 use, to —, *usàre*; to — (f. i. to say), *solére*.  
 use, *uso* m.  
 useful, *útile* m. & f.  
 useless, *inútile* m. & f.  
 usually, *ordinariaménte*; as —, *come all'ordinário*.  
 utter, to —, *méttere*.

## V.

Vague, *vágo, -a*; a — feeling, *un cértò non so che*.  
 value, to —, *apprezzàre*.  
 vengeance, *vendétta* f.  
 Venice, *Venézia*.  
 verse, *vérsò* m.  
 vessel, *vascéllo* m.; *náve* f.  
 vicar, *vicário* m.  
 vice, *vizio*.  
 victory, *vittória* f.  
 Vienna, *Vienna*.  
 vigorous, *vigoróso*.  
 vinegar, *acéto* m.  
 violin, *violíno* m.  
 virtue, *virtù* f.  
 virtuous, *virtuóso, -a*.  
 visit, the —, *visita* f.; to pay a —, *andàre a trovàre*.

voice, *vóce* f.  
voluntarily, *volentiéri*, *volontaria-  
ménte*.  
vulture, *avvoltóio* m.

## W.

Wait, to —, *aspettáre*.  
walk, *cámmino* m.; to —, *cammi-  
nare*.  
wall, *múro* m., pl. *le múra*.  
want, to —, *volére*, *domandáre*,  
*chiédere*; to — (= to need),  
*abbisognáre*; (= to be without),  
*mancáre di*.  
want, the —, *il bisógno*.  
want, for — of, *per mancanza di*.  
war, *guérra* f.  
warrant, to —, *essere (réndersi)*  
*mallevadóre per . . .*, *guarentíre*.  
warrior, *guerriéro* m.  
wash, to —, *laváre*.  
watch, *oríuólo* m.  
water, *acqua* f.  
way, *vía*, *stráda* f.; in the Turk-  
ish —, *alla túrca*; in this —  
*in tale maniera*; *così*; out of  
the —, *da bándá*, *in disparte*.  
weak, *débole* m. & f.; to grow  
weak, *indebolírsi*.  
weakness, *debolézza* f.  
wealth, *sostánza*, *facoltà* f.  
wear, to —, *portáre*.  
weather, *témpo* m.  
wedding, *nózze* pl. f.  
week, *settimána* f.; to-day —,  
*oggi a otto*.  
weigh, to — anchor, *levar l'án-  
cora*, *salpáre*.  
weight, *péso* m.; hundred —,  
*quintále* m.  
welcome! *sia il (la) benvenúto, -a!*  
well, *béne*.  
wet, *bagnáto*, -a.  
what? *che? che cosa?*  
when, *quándo*.  
where, *dóve*, *óve*.  
wherein, *in cui*, *nel (nella) quále*.  
whether, *se*.  
which, *rel. che, il (la) quále*;  
(= who) *chi*; Interr. *quále?*  
m. & f. *che?*  
while, it is a good —, *è un pézzo*.

whilst, *méntre*, *intánto (che)*.  
white, *biáncó*, -a.  
Whitsuntide, *Pentecóste* f.  
who, interr. *chi?* rel. *che, il (la)*  
*quále*.  
whoever, *chiúnque*.  
whole, *tútto*, -a; *intióro*, -a.  
why, *perchè*.  
will, *la volontà* f.; to —, *vo-  
lere*.  
William, *Gugliélmo*.  
willingly, *volentiéri*.  
win, to —, *riportáre (la vittória)*;  
*vincere*.  
window, *finéstra* f.  
wine, *vino* m.  
wing, the —, *ála* f.  
winter, *invérno* m.  
wisdom, *saviézza* f., *sapiénza* f.  
wise, *sávio* m., *sággio* m.  
wish, to —, *desideráre*, *bramáre*.  
wish, the —, *desidério*, *desto* m.  
without, *sénza*.  
withstand, to —, *resistere*.  
wizard, *mágo* m.  
woe, to . . ., *guái* a.  
wolf, *lúpo* m.  
woman, *dónna* f.  
wonder, to — at, *maravigliársi*  
*di . . .*  
wonderful, *ammirábile* m. & f.  
wood, *légno* m.  
wool, *lána* f.  
word, *vóce* f., *paróla* f., a few —s,  
*due parole*; to keep —, *tenér*  
*la parola a qdn.*  
work, the —, *lavóro* m., *ópera* f.  
work, to —, *lavoráre*.  
workman, *operáio* m.  
world, *móndo* m.  
worth, to be —, *valére*.  
worthy, *dégno*, -a.  
wound, to —, *feríre*; *la feríta* f.  
wrath, *cóllera* f.  
write, to —, *scrítere*, *irr.*  
wrong, the —, *tórtó* m.; to be  
—, *avér tórtó*.

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Yard, *cortile* m., *córté* f.  
year, *ánno* m.; half a —, *sei mési*;  
last —, *l'ánno scórsó*.

yesterday, *ieri*; — 's, *d'ieri*.

yonder, *colà*.

you, *vói*; (polite mode) *Elia*.

young, *gióvine* m. & f.; — man, *giovínótto* m.; —er brother, *fratéllo minóre*.

your, *vóstro*, -a; (polite m.) *súo*, -a; *il (la) di Lei*.

yours, *il vóstro*, *la vóstra*; (polite m.) *il suo*, *la sua*.

yourself (polite m.), Nom. *Elia* (*Lei*) *stessa* (*medésima*); Acc. *se stessa*, *se medésima*; with reflect. verbs: *si*.

yourselves, Nom. *voi stéssi* (*medésimi*); fem.: *stésse* (*medésime*); with reflect. verbs: *vi*.

youth (age), *gioventù* f.

youth (man), *gióvane* m.







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